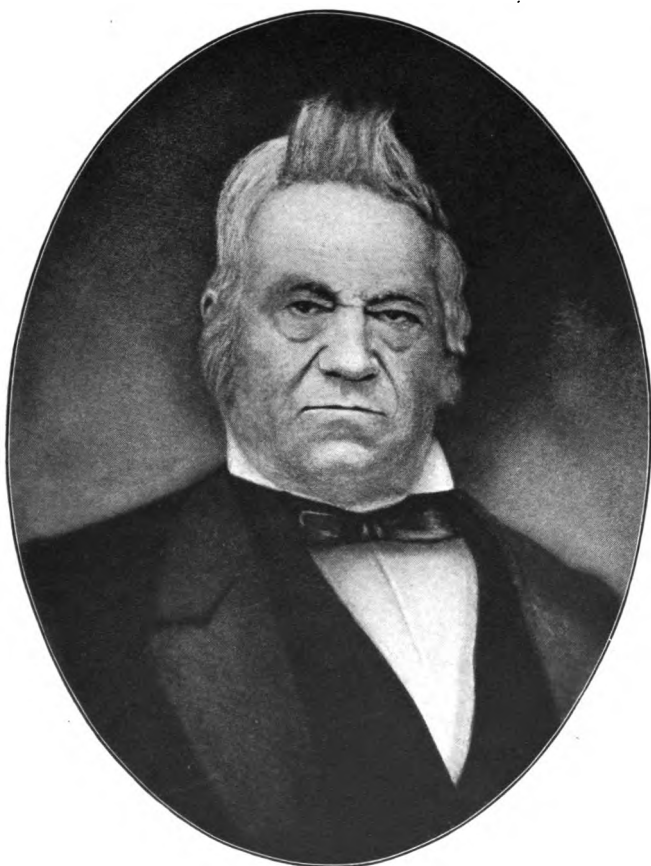


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The early records of Companion Carpenter are very meagre. He was a member of Detroit Lodge, No. 2, and was recorded as a visitor to Grand Lodge in 1845 and 1846. He was Junior Warden in 1847, Senior Warden in 1848, and Worshipful Master in 1849 being the eleventh to serve Detroit Lodge in that capacity. In 1850 and 1851 he was elected Grand Auditor of Grand Lodge.

He petitioned Monroe Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons, February 19, 1846, was elected March 5, 1846, and took his degrees as follows: Mark Master, March 5, 1846; Past Master, March 6, 1846; Most Excellent Master, March 19, 1846, and Royal Arch, March 27, 1846. He was High Priest of his Chapter in 1850 and in 1852.

He assisted in the organization of the Grand Chapter in 1848, and was its first Grand Treasurer, holding the office for five years.

Companion Carpenter received his Council degrees in Monroe Council No. 1, of Detroit and was the first Thrice Illustrious Master of that Council from 1856 to 1859.

He was instrumental in organizing the Grand Council in Detroit in 1858 and was the first Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant (Grand Master) in 1858 and 1859. On retiring from the office of Grand Master a hearty vote of thanks was extended to him for the careful administration he had given to the affairs of the Grand Council since its organization. His name does not again appear in the records of Grand Council as being present at its sessions.

He died in Detroit in 1867.

**FRANCIS DARROW.**

GRAND MASTER, 1860.

Francis Darrow was born in Syme, Connecticut, March 7th, 1810. At the age of seven years he went to West Bloomfield, Ontario County, New York, and worked for Lodowich Fitch until 1828. In 1829 he came to Pontiac, Michigan, and entered the store of H. N. Howard.

In 1831 he embarked in the dry goods business for himself in the village of Franklin, Oakland County, and soon after formed a co-partnership with his brother-in-law, Abel H. Peck, in general mercantile business in the city of Pontiac.

He was register of Deeds of Oakland County in 1835 and 1836, Supervisor from 1853 to 1856, Justice of the Peace 1858 to 1860, Director of Pontiac Union School 1855 and 1858, and trustee of the same in 1862, and held other offices of trust. He was an active member of the Society of the First Baptist Church and contributed liberally to its support.

He was married October 31, 1831, to Miss Augusta LeRoy, with whom he lived happily for more than forty years.

Companion Darrow was the first Junior Warden of Pontiac Lodge, No. 21, and Worshipful Master of the same for many years. He was High Priest of Oakland Chapter, No. 5, for five years. Pontiac Council, No. 25, (now No. 3) Royal and Select Masters, was instituted December 14, 1857, and Companion Darrow was elected T. I. Master at the first election and held the office until 1862 and again in 1865 and 1866.

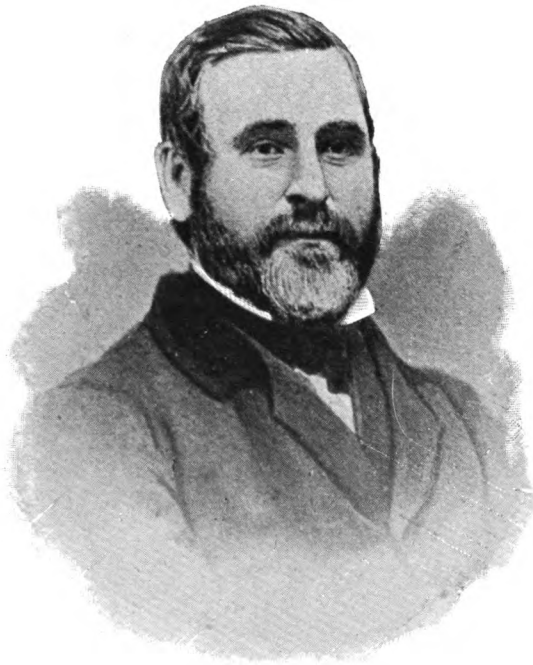
He received the orders of Knighthood in Pontiac Commandery, No. 2, February 14, 1857, and was Eminent Commander of said Commandery from 1858 to 1861.

He was Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1861, and Grand Master in 1862. In the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, he was Grand Scribe in 1860, Grand King in 1861, and Deputy Grand High Priest in 1862 to 1864.

He was a member of the Grand Council of High Priesthood, having been anointed at its organization in 1861. He was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery in 1861.

In all his relations in life he was faithful, ever courteous and genial, a fine ritualist and as presiding officer, he had few equals. He loved our orders for the good they are capable of accomplishing. His private life was an exemplification of the noblest tenets of Masonry.

He ended his earthly labors April 11, 1873, in the city of Ionia. After passing the evening at the house of a friend, he started, shortly before midnight, to walk to the depot to take a train for his



*FRANCIS DARROW*

*Grand Master, 1860-1861*



*JOHN CLARK*  
*Grand Master, 1861*

home in Pontiac, in the enjoyment of apparent health, anticipating the pleasure which he always experienced at his pleasant fireside, in the society of his wife and daughter. Alone upon the street he was suddenly stricken down. Soon a friend chanced to pass and there upon the cold, damp ground, he saw the ruin of one of the noblest of men.

His brethren were summoned. They lifted his body tenderly and bore it to the station and there stood guard until the morning, when, under escort of a guard of honor from Ionia Commandery it was taken to Pontiac, a guard of honor from Pontiac meeting it at Owosso. Sadly they bore it to his home, from whence, on Monday, April 14, 1873, it was laid to rest in Oak Hill cemetery by Pontiac Commandery, No. 2, K. T., the burial service being conducted in the presence of M. W. Hugh McCurdy, Grand Master of Grand Lodge; Rt. Em. O. L. Spaulding, Grand Commander, and a great number of his Brethren of the various Masonic orders, and a large concourse of citizens by whom he had been highly esteemed, and to the very many of whom his departure came as a personal bereavement.

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## JOHN CLARK.

GRAND MASTER, 1861.

John Clark was born at Bath, Maine, on the 29th day of July, 1797. On account of ill health, at an early age, he made the trip to Europe, and on his return engaged in business in his native state, where he remained until 1830, when he removed to Michigan, making his home at East China, in the County of St. Clair, where he resided until his death.

He early adopted as his religious faith the tenets of the Baptist Church, of which he lived and died a faithful member. As a citizen he was first and foremost in all good works, enjoying the confidence of the people, whom he had served in both branches of our State Legislature, and in the conventions which formed our first and present State Constitutions, in every position to which he was called doing his whole duty with unbending fidelity. But it is more particularly with his Masonic life that we have to do.

At the age of twenty-three he joined our Order, and received his first lesson from the great teacher of Masonry, Brother Thomas Smith Webb, and often at the annual reunions our venerable Companion would refer to those teachings and their good and lasting impressions.

He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in St. Clair Chapter, No. 12, Royal Arch Masons, October 18, 1859. Companion Clark was a

member of St. Clair Council when it joined with Monroe, No. 1, of Detroit, and Pontiac Councils in organizing the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Michigan in 1858. The next year after the organization he was elected Illustrious Deputy Grand Puissant, and in 1861, Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant. As a member of this branch of Masonry he was a bright and shining light.

At the annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter held in 1874, Companion Clark was elected an honorary life member of that body.

He was a zealous student of our mystic art, seeing in all its sublime symbols, lessons to guide in the journey of life, but it was the Templar branches of Masonry that most attracted his attention, and the furtherance of which was the great object of his life; it was his special study, and the practice of its rites and ceremonies his greatest pleasure.

We are unable to give his Knightly history further back than at the first Annual Conclave in June, 1858, of our Grand Commandery. He was a petitioner for a Commandery at St. Clair, which petition was granted, and he was chosen first Commander, which position in that, and subsequently in "John Clark Commandery" he held to the time of his death. At this Annual Conclave he was elected Grand Junior Warden; in 1859, Grand Captain General; in 1860, Grand Generalissimo; in 1861, Deputy Grand Commander, and in 1862, he was elected Grand Commander. He was present at every Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, taking an active part in all its transactions, and it was his frequent boast that next to his God and family he loved and worshiped Templar Masonry.

He died at his home in East China, St. Clair County, February 19, 1876, at the ripe age of seventy-nine years.

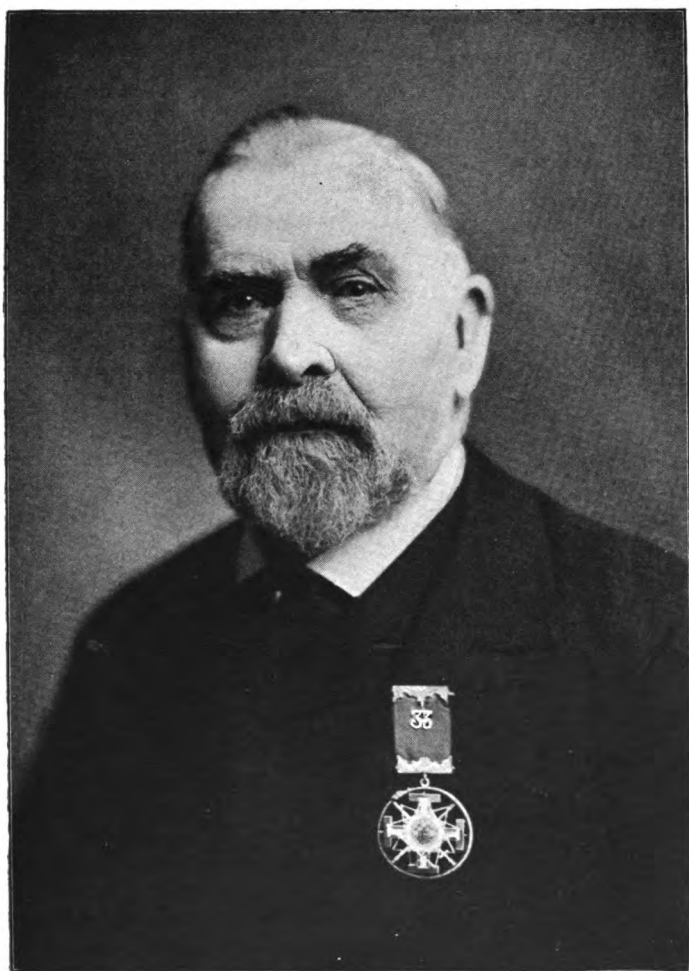
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## D. BURNHAM TRACY.

GRAND MASTER, 1862.

Companion Tracy was born in Connecticut, July 5, 1829, in the same house in which his father and grandfather had been born. He came with his parents to Michigan in 1841, and settled near Ann Arbor. At the age of fifteen he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church and at twenty-three was taken into the conference as a preacher, taking a four years' course in theological studies. From 1853 to 1860 he was located at Franklin, Clinton, Blissfield, Dundee, Petersburg and Mt. Clemens in turn. In 1861 he was made Chaplain of Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, serving three years and on detached service until 1864. Was charter member and first Chaplain of Detroit Post, G. A. R., also Chaplain of Michigan Commandery





*DAVID BURNHAM TRACY*  
*Grand Master, 1862*



of the Loyal Legion. In 1878 the Detroit Conference of the M. E. Church appointed him as supply of Grace M. E. Church, which position he held for more than twenty-seven consecutive years. In 1864 he was appointed passenger agent of the C., H. & D. Railroad at Detroit and held the place for forty years.

He was made a Master Mason in Tecumseh Lodge, No. 29, June 1, 1855. December 1, 1857, he affiliated with Dundee Lodge, No. 7. He was later a charter member and first W. M. of Blanchard Lodge at Petersburg, serving for three years. He was Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge in 1863-4-5-6. He received the Chapter degrees March 24, 1867, in Horeb Chapter, No. 4, in Knoxville, Ills. He affiliated with Adrian Chapter, No. 18, 1858, from which he dimitted in 1859 to help organize River Raisin Chapter, at Monroe, where he was the first High Priest and served two years. He was also High Priest of Mt. Vernon Chapter for three years and was Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter in 1861. Was Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of High Priesthood from its organization until his death.

He was made a R. & S. Master in Monroe Council, No. 1, January 14, 1858. In 1859 he organized River Raisin Council, No. 4, at Monroe, and was its T. I. Master. In 1862 he was T. I. Grand Master of the Grand Council. July 12, 1868, Companion Tracy organized Mosaic Council, No. 22, at Petersburg, and was T. I. Master for several years. He was Knighted in Monroe Commandery and Eminent Commander two years, and Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery in 1860. He received the Scottish Rite grades in Cincinnati, helped to organize the Detroit bodies, and for eighteen years was Commander in Chief of Michigan Sovereign Consistory. He was crowned a S. G. Inspector General, 33°, May 21, 1862, and the next day was made an active and life member of the Supreme Council. He received the degrees of the Red Cross of Constantine in Montreal in 1868, and established the order in Michigan, Maine, Vermont, Kentucky. Was Chaplain of Royal Order of Scotland, Past Grand Master of Odd Fellows, Organizer and Venerable Chief of Masonic Veterans' Association.

He was married to Elizabeth Stout in June, 1855. Two children were born to them, a boy dying in infancy, and a daughter now living in Detroit.

He died at his home, 120 Baggs street, Detroit, February 19, 1906, aged 77 years. His funeral, which was largely attended by both his church and Masonic friends, was held in Central M. E. Church. The burial was at Woodmere Cemetery with Templar services by Damascus Commandery, No. 42, K. T., escorted by Michigan Sovereign Consistory. The Grand officers of the Grand Council were present as sincere mourners.

**EDWARD A. ELLIOTT.**

GRAND MASTER, 1863.

Edward A. Elliott was a very prominent character at the birth of Cryptic Masonry in Michigan and his name is inseparably connected with the early history, yet as an example of how soon another generation loses sight of the virtue and labors of a good father, we found that it was difficult to secure facts and correct data regarding the life of this Companion, but just as the writer was about to give up in despair, an adopted daughter of this Companion was located in San Francisco, and interesting data and the elusive photograph were secured.

Edward Elliott, the "A" was adopted for business purposes, was born March 25, 1820, in Guilford, Connecticut. He was the son of Charles Eliot, a farmer, and descendant of John Eliot, apostle to the Indians. He attended the local school, where he laid the foundation for a successful career. On November 18, 1842, he married Miss Harriet Louisa, daughter of David Dorman of New Haven, Connecticut. No children were born to them, but an adopted daughter, Louise, was taken by them and raised to womanhood.

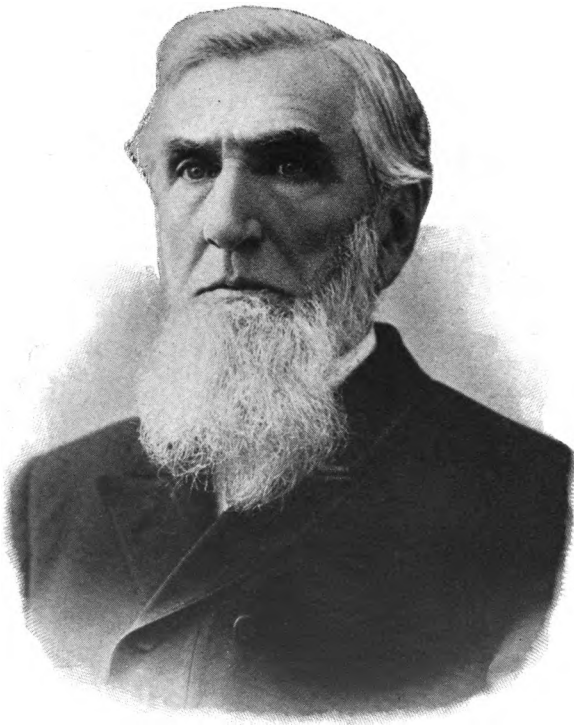
Companion Elliott served his apprenticeship as a carpenter, and he has often been heard to say that his first year's work netted him "Twelve dollars in money and a pair of boots." He did not work long at his trade but in the late forties he came to Detroit and embarked in the grocery business. He was the pioneer in the oyster business and handled the first oysters sold in Michigan. He sent out wagons peddling them through the state. At first sales were difficult to make as so little was then known about oysters in Michigan, but it later netted him a handsome profit. He continued in the wholesale grocery business and as late as 1868 had a store on the north side of Jefferson avenue, between Woodward and Griswold.

Shortly afterward he retired from business with large holdings of real estate. He resided on the northeast corner of Michigan avenue and Rowland street for over thirty years. For many years he had an interest in a livery business just back of where the old Russell House stood and he also owned a stage route between Detroit and Mt. Clemens.

The closing scenes of the life of this busy man are truly pathetic. Of them his daughter writes: "It would be a difficult matter for any one, and least of all a member of his own family, to state just where his mind gave way, so slowly but surely did the disease work that finally estranged him from respected and loved friends among his one time business associates, and drew about him unprincipled men, prominent in Detroit's affairs at that time, who, under the cloak of friendship played upon his weakened intellect,



*EDWARD A. ELLIOTT*  
*Grand Master, 1863*



*GARRA B. NOBLE*

*Grand Master, '1864*

*Grand Recorder, 1871-1897*

and little by little, over his own signature, got his entire fortune. E. A. Elliott died a poor man, and his devoted wife's death occurred eleven months after."

Companion Elliott was a member of Detroit Lodge, No. 2, and in 1857 and 1858 represented that lodge in the capacity of Worshipful Master in Grand Lodge.

He received the degrees of the Royal Arch in Monroe Chapter, No. 1, as follows: Mark Master, January 5; Past Master, January 22; Most Excellent, January 29, and Royal Arch, March 4, 1852.

His Council degrees appear to have been taken in the Council that was first organized "in the bosom of Monroe Chapter." But Chapter made Council members were by many Grand Councils declared illegal and clandestine, so it was natural that Companion Elliott, being a native of Connecticut, should enlist the interest of that Grand Jurisdiction in the difficulty. On a visit to his native state he secured a dispensation to organize a legal Council under the name of Monroe Council, No. 23, and he was deputized by Grand Master Francois Turner of that state to institute the Council and "Heal such Companions as had taken the degrees in a Royal Arch Chapter." Further details of this interesting history will be found in a chapter on the history of the Grand Council.

Companion Elliott was the fifth Grand Master of the Grand Council, being elected in 1863. In 1872 he was elected Grand Treasurer and held the position for eight years, being succeeded by H. Shaw Noble.

Companion Elliott was not a Knight Templar, as he stated that "it was too much fuss and feathers," and that "King Solomon was not a Knight, and it was not Masonry."

His death occurred November 8, 1880, at the age of sixty years. No "fuss and feathers" was the keynote of his life, by nature one of the mildest tempered of men and always ready to help the deserving ones, kind, generous and indulgent in his family life.

The Grand Council of Michigan should honor the memory of this "father in Israel."

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### GARRA B. NOBLE.

GRAND MASTER, 1864.

Garra B. Noble was born in Unadilla, Otsego County, N. Y., August 12, 1816. He came to Detroit from Buffalo in September or October, 1844. He had a brother in Dexter, and there met the future Mrs. Noble. He remained in Dexter, clerking in a store, until 1848, when the western fever seized him, and he went to Waukegan,

where he remained until 1852, when he came back to Detroit. The fall of that year saw him purser on the boats of the Ward line, plying between Detroit and Saginaw, and the next season he had the same position. In 1854, he became purser on the "Western World," running to Buffalo, and in the two following years of the "Buckeye State" and "Mississippi." He gave up sailing in 1858, and took a shore position as collector for Bloss & Co. In 1858 he again changed and became a clerk at the G. C. Barker & Co. tobacco factory, and remained with them until his health failed him in 1870, when he took a three years' vacation, going back in 1873 and staying until 1880, when the American Eagle Tobacco Company was organized, and then he retired.

It is very largely as a member of the Masonic fraternity that Companion Noble is best known. He joined a Lodge at Waukegan away back in 1851, and when he returned to Detroit dimitted to Zion Lodge. He joined Monroe Chapter, No. 1, February 14, 1853, and Monroe Council, No. 1, shortly after, and became a member of Detroit Commandery in 1853. He was Master of his Lodge and High Priest of his Chapter. He was Grand Master of the Grand Council of the Royal and Select Masters of Michigan in 1864, and was Eminent Commander, as well as holder of other offices, in Detroit Commandery, and was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of the state in 1865.

For more than a quarter of a century he was Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and writer of the correspondence reports, in which capacity he attained a high place among his contemporaries.

He died at the residence of his son, Herbert W. Noble, 501 Trumbull avenue, Detroit, February 9, 1897, aged eighty years. He had been ailing a long time, the cause of death being old age and general breaking down. He will long be remembered by those with whom he was so long associated.

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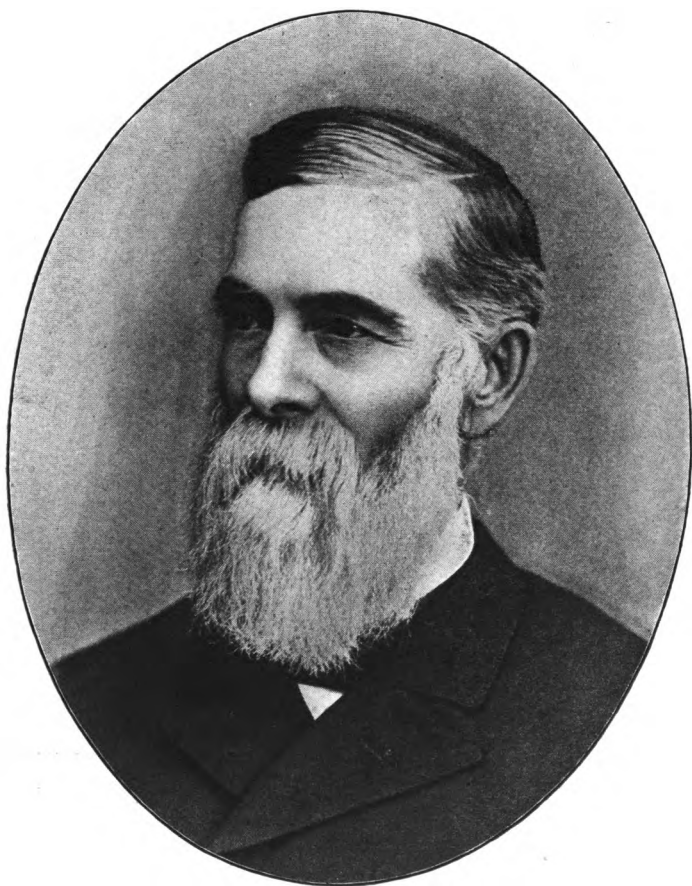
## DAVID BOVEE.

GRAND MASTER, 1865.

This Illustrious Companion was born in Hartford, New York, November 11, 1819, and came to Branch County, Michigan, when nineteen years of age, which county was ever afterwards his home.

His Masonic career was a long and honorable one. He was made a Master Mason in Tyre Lodge, No. 18, in 1856, and never ceased to be one of its most active members, never missing a meeting until disease claimed him for a victim. He was Master of that





*DAVID BOVEE*  
*Grand Master, 1865*



Lodge for twenty-three consecutive years, and after he retired from the Master's chair he was elected Secretary, and held that office until his death. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Temple Chapter, No. 21, R. A. M., at Coldwater, June 22, 1859, and at the annual election the same year he was elected to the office of King. In 1863 he was elected High Priest and held the office for twelve years. In 1876 he was elected Grand Royal Arch Captain in the Grand Chapter; in 1877, Grand Principal Sojourner, and in 1878 Grand Captain of the Host.

Companion Bovee was a petitioner for the Council degrees at the meeting held December 9, 1859, for instituting Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6, at Coldwater, and was elected and received the degrees at that time, being elected Steward to complete the list of officers. In 1860 he was elected Recorder and after serving in other capacities was elected Thrice Illustrious Master, December 17, 1864, serving eleven years.

He first appeared in Grand Council as a representative of the newly chartered Council and in 1862 was elected Grand Principal Conductor of the Work and steadily advanced until in 1865 he was elected Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant. Soon after that time he prepared the Council Ritual, which was adopted and has since remained the standard work of this jurisdiction with slight changes.

By the older members of Grand Council the name of David Bovee will long be cherished and remembered. His labors were such as met the highest approval of all, and his name will stand prominently in the archives of Grand and Subordinate Councils.

He received the Orders of Christian Knighthood in Jacobs Commandery, in 1860. The following year he was elected Recorder and served three years, then six years as Senior Warden and four years Eminent Commander. In 1888 he was again elected Recorder and served the rest of his life in that station.

In 1866 Companion Bovee was elected Grand Junior Warden in the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Michigan, and steadily advanced to the position of Deputy Grand Commander.

For several years he labored diligently on a history of Tyre Lodge, and biographical sketch of every one of its members, which was read at the semi-centennial celebration of his Lodge. During his last illness this volume mysteriously disappeared and has never been brought to light since, and thus was lost a valuable record and much patient and arduous labor.

After a lingering illness of several months he died on July 19, 1900, and was buried by the Lodge to which he had given so many years of service. He was an honorable and successful business man, a highly esteemed citizen and will long be remembered in the community in which he spent the most of his life.

**SEAMAN L. DART.**

GRAND MASTER, 1866.

Seaman L. Dart was born in northern Ohio, March 20, 1829. He came to Michigan at an early age and settled at Jackson, where he resided until May, 1853, when he removed to Coldwater, where he remained until 1865, removing then to Cambria, Hillsdale County, and a few years later to Herman, Nebraska.

He learned the trade of shoemaker in early life, which he followed for some time after removing to Coldwater, when he studied medicine and took up the practice of that profession.

He was an ardent lover of Masonry. He was made a Master Mason in Jackson Lodge, No. 17, May 2, 1853, when he was twenty-four years old, and during the rest of his life devoted much time and energy to the institution. It was but a few years until he had received all the degrees in Chapter, Council and Commandery, and in all those bodies, together with the Lodge, he served as presiding officer for many years, inspiring his associates with that zeal and enthusiasm which so eminently characterized him.

His ability secured his early recognition in the Grand Bodies which he attended, and he rapidly rose to the highest positions, being Grand Master of the Grand Council R. & S. M., and Grand Commander K. T., in 1866, when only thirty-five years old.

He died at his residence in Herman, Nebraska, on the eighth day of February, 1883, being then fifty-four years of age.



*SEAMAN L. DART*

*Grand Master, 1866*



*WILLIAM SHERMAN EDWARDS*  
*Grand Master, 1867*

**WILLIAM SHERMAN EDWARDS.**

GRAND MASTER, 1867.

William Sherman Edwards was born at Ephratah, Fulton County, New York, August 23, 1835, and is the third son of Henry and Elizabeth (Cook) Edwards. His great grandfather, Tallmadge Edwards, founded the glove business at Johnston, now extending four miles to Gloversville, N. Y., which has since attained immense importance and is the basis of the prosperity of busy towns which command most of the glove trade of the continent.

Companion Edwards attended the public schools until his sixteenth year, taught school a few years and later took a civil engineering course, but before completing his studies his father met with a severe loss by fire and he returned home to assist in straightening out business affairs. He was about returning to the study of engineering when he was called upon to defend a man indicted for assault with intent to kill, and he succeeded so ably that he was induced to turn his attention to the legal profession.

He entered the State and National Law School at Poughkeepsie, completed his studies in the Albany Law School and was admitted to the bar after an examination before the Supreme Court of New York, in February, 1858.

Removing to Hillsdale, Michigan, in May, 1858, he began the study of common law practice, and in August of the same year was admitted to the bar in Michigan. He devoted his attention largely to United States Court and bankruptcy practice, and his business became so large that in 1873 he found it necessary to remove to Detroit and as business followed him from all parts of the country he found it imperative to establish a branch office at Grand Rapids. He acquired a rank among the highest men at the bar as a very successful commercial lawyer, and earned a reputation for integrity. His success in insurance and bankruptcy cases was phenomenal.

In politics Companion Edwards is a thoroughgoing Democrat and was chairman of the Democratic committee of Hillsdale County for many years, and delegate to two national and several State conventions. As a political speaker he was fair, frank and honorable; deeply read in the political history of our country, he was competent to speak of the present by the light of the past.

He has been an active worker in the Protestant Episcopal Church, and presiding officer in the Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery.

In 1865 he was elected Grand Principal Conductor of Work in the Grand Council R. & S. M. of Michigan, and advanced one station each year and in 1867 served as M. I. Grand Master.

Companion Edwards is now a resident of Chicago and a member of the bar there, but says that when it gets so clients settle secretly and attorneys steal the files from court or clerk's office, he prefers to devote his time to other pursuits. He has invented several automatic fire extinguishers and compounds, and is engaged in promoting that business.

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## JOSEPH THAYER HAYDEN.

GRAND MASTER, 1868.

Joseph Thayer Hayden was born in Northampton, Massachusetts, November 4, 1826, his father, Joel T. Hayden, being the founder of Haydenville, Massachusetts. In young manhood he moved to Syracuse, New York, and was employed with his brother, Elijah, as cabinet maker. Subsequently he moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and remained there and in that vicinity several years, acting as secretary for an Insurance Company. He entered the services of the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad, now the "Lake Shore Railway," as agent at Adrian. This was the beginning of a successful railway business life. From Adrian he went to Hillsdale, remaining nearly twelve years, then to Kalamazoo, two years, from which place he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and was given the position of traveling auditor, which office he filled with marked ability and acceptability until failing health made his resignation necessary, which occurred February 1, 1898.

He was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Notton, of Syracuse, New York, about the year 1845. This union was broken by the death of Mrs. Hayden, February 29, 1891. He was subsequently married to Mrs. Charles H. Putnam, widow of our late Past Grand Master Putnam. She, together with two sons and a daughter by his first marriage, survive him.

Companion Hayden was made a Mason in Fidelity Lodge, No. 32, at Hillsdale, and was a very active worker. He received the Chapter degrees in Hillsdale Chapter, No. 18, completing the Royal Arch, December 18, 1863. In 1865 he was elected Scribe, and High Priest in 1866, serving for two years.

He passed the Circle Perfection in Cryptic Masonry in Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15, at Hillsdale, at an early date and served as Thrice Illustrious Master of that Council. In 1866 he was elected Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council of Michigan, and in 1868 was made Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant.

He was Knighted in Eureka Commandery, No. 3, of Hillsdale, and held a very warm place in the hearts of his fraters.





*JOSEPH T. HAYDEN*

*Grand Master, 1868*



*CHARLES H. PUTNAM*  
*Grand Master, 1869*

He spent the days of his last illness at the home of his brother-in-law, at Auburn, Indiana, where he peacefully passed to the great beyond, Sabbath afternoon, April 24, 1898. He was a firm believer in the Christian religion and in his daily intercourse with his fellow men he exhibited in a marked degree the spirit and characteristics of the Master. In a word he was a true Mason.

He was an active worker in the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Mutual Relief Association, who said of him: "The love we had for him, the esteem, the respect, the confidence—all were deserved. No man ever deserved more from his associates, nor had it. Many years of intimate association and business relations pass in review before us. He was an able, industrious, and painstaking officer of the Association. He filled every relation of life with ability, care and fidelity. For humanity, friends, kindred and associates, others may have done as much, but none have labored more intelligently or accomplished better results during the time given man to work. The Mutual Relief Association owes much of its success, life and strength to his intelligent and well-directed efforts. Living in an era of strong men, possessed of sharp business attributes, made more intense by active competition, he gave to us freely the talents bestowed upon him. Measured by his works, he had passed the century mark, and the time had come for him to rest. We, who are left to labor and wait, may study with profit the lesson his life has given to us."

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### CHARLES H. PUTNAM.

GRAND MASTER, 1869.

Charles Hiram Putnam was born at Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts, April 28, 1829. He attended school in Syracuse, New York, and served his apprenticeship as druggist there.

He entered the employ of the Lake Shore Railway about 1856 as tally man at Toledo. He was then transferred to Sturgis in 1858, where he was station agent for seven years. He then went to Hudson in the same capacity, November, 1864, remaining there for many years, until appointed grain inspector August 5, 1889. February 1, 1892, he was advanced to the position of traveling auditor.

In 1853 he was married to Miss Mary Dunn, who died October 15, 1870, leaving a family of six children. He was again married December 31, 1878, to Orpha A. Chadwick.

Companion Putnam was a great lover of Masonry and its principles. He was made a Master Mason March 26, 1857, in Syracuse Lodge, No. 102, F. & A. M., at Syracuse, N. Y. July 9, 1873, he affiliated with Kilwinning Lodge, No. 297, of Detroit, and later with

Meridian Sun, No. 49, of Sturgis, and Lebanon, No. 26, of Hudson. Was elected and received all the Chapter degrees on November 17, 1858, in Centreville Chapter, No. 11. He dimitted November 28, 1860, and on January 22, 1861, became a charter member of Sturgis Chapter, No. 26, of Sturgis. March 21, 1866, he affiliated with Hudson Chapter, No. 28, and continued his membership there till Hudson Chapter surrendered its charter. For fifteen years his membership was with Hillsdale Chapter, No. 16. After Phoenix Chapter, No. 99, was organized he affiliated with that, and five months before his death he affiliated with Hillsdale Chapter again.

He was anointed to the Order of High Priesthood in Detroit, January 4, 1872.

He received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Toledo Council, No. 33, Toledo, Ohio, January 22, 1860, and after removing to Hudson became a charter member of Hudson Council, No. 16, which was organized December, 1864. After his death the name of this Council was changed to Putnam Council in honor of his memory.

He had the distinction of being the first Grand Master, after the organization, to be elected from the floor to the exalted station of presiding officer at a single bound, which is ample evidence of the confidence and esteem with which he was regarded by his Companions. He presided during the year 1869, and retired with the admiration of his associates.

In 1901, after he secured the restoration of the charter of his Council at Hudson, the Grand Master said of him:

"From my personal knowledge of the zeal of Illustrious Companion Putnam and of his skill as a workman, now that he had put his shoulder to the wheel, I am assured that the future prosperity of his Council will be a bright one."

He was dubbed a Knight Templar in Eureka Commandery, No. 3, of Hillsdale, December 13, 1859. On January 17, 1860, he was elected to the several degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Ohio Sovereign Consistory, of Cincinnati. On the 17th of May, 1867, he reached the summit of Masonic honors by being crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33d and last degree.

Companion Putnam, both as a Mason and a railway man, made a very large circle of acquaintances, and by his genial and warm-hearted manner converted a great many of them into close personal friends.

He died in Sturgis, Mich., of nervous prostration, May 15, 1895, aged sixty-six years and was buried in Hudson where he had lived so many years, with full Masonic honors, in the presence of a vast concourse of his friends, who gathered to do this last honor to one whom they greatly loved and deeply mourned.





*OLIVER L. SPAULDING*  
*Grand Master, 1870*

**OLIVER L. SPAULDING.**

GRAND MASTER, 1870.

Oliver Lyman Spaulding was born at Jaffrey, N. H., August 2, 1833. He entered Oberlin College, Ohio, in 1851, graduating there in 1855, and for the next three years was engaged in teaching, at the same time pursuing his chosen study, law. In 1858 he came to St. Johns, Michigan, was admitted to the bar and entered upon the practice of his profession.

When the civil war broke out he obeyed the call of patriotism, and relinquishing a lucrative practice which he had built up, he gave his services to his country. In 1862, he recruited Company A, of the 23d Regiment of Michigan Volunteers, and was its first captain. Within a few months after going to the field he was made major of the regiment, later lieutenant-colonel and colonel, and was almost continually in command of the regiment after becoming a field officer, and a part of the time while captain. He remained with his regiment until it was mustered out at Salisbury, South Carolina, June 28, 1865, and participated in twenty-seven actions, some of them the most severe of the war. He won honorable distinction and was breveted brigadier general for gallant and meritorious services.

At the close of the war he returned to St. Johns and resumed the practice of his profession. A man of his marked ability was not long allowed to remain in retirement, and his career in civil life has been as remarkably successful as in military affairs. He had been elected regent of the University of Michigan in 1858, the same year he "hung out his shingle as a lawyer." In 1866 he was elected Secretary of State and re-elected in 1868. In 1875 he was appointed a special agent of the Treasury Department, which position he held until 1880, when he resigned it to take his seat in the forty-seventh Congress, to which he was elected in that year. In 1883 he was chairman of a commission sent by the government to the Sandwich Islands to investigate alleged violations of the Hawaiian Reciprocity Treaty. In January, 1885, he was again appointed special agent of the Treasury Department, resigning in the December following. During this time he was employed in the investigation of the Customs Service in New York City, the administration of the Chinese Restriction Act at San Francisco and other ports on the Pacific Coast. In 1889 he was appointed Assistant Secretary of the U. S. Treasury and held that office during the administration of President Benjamin Harrison. He was again appointed to this position by President McKinley, in 1897, and is now filling it with marked ability.

In Masonry, Companion Spaulding's position has been no less prominent than in military and civil life. He first saw Masonic light

in St. Johns Lodge, No. 105, on July 15, 1861, and was raised to the degree of Master Mason on August 2nd following. Returning from the war in 1865, he was, in December of that year, elected Senior Warden, the next year Worshipful Master, serving two years. He was an active member of Grand Lodge and was for several years chairman of the Committee on Appeals. In 1881 he was elected Grand Master, and administered the affairs of that office with distinguished ability.

He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Grand Rapids Chapter, No. 7, on November 20, 1863, and was a charter member and first King of St. Johns Chapter, No. 45, R. A. M., when it was organized in 1866, and was its High Priest the following year and made his first appearance in Grand Chapter. He served for several years on important committees, and in 1877 was elected Grand High Priest.

The Cryptic degrees were conferred upon him in Ionia Council No. 12, in 1866, and he was Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters in 1870.

He was dubbed and created a Knight Templar in DeMolai Commandery, No. 5, at Grand Rapids, January 29, 1864, and was a charter member and first Eminent Commander of St. Johns Commandery, No. 24, which, for some years, he represented in Grand Commandery, where his merits received just recognition, and in 1871 he was elected Grand Generalissimo, and in 1872, Grand Commander.

Companion Spaulding is a member of the Protesant Episcopal Church, and for years has been a vestryman and senior warden of the church at St. Johns. He was married in 1856 to Miss Jennie Mead, who lived only a few months after marriage. In 1859 he married Miss Minerva Mead, sister of the former wife, who died in 1861. In 1862 he married Miss M. Cecelia Swegles, the talented daughter of Hon. John Swegles, who was Auditor General of Michigan from 1851 to 1855.

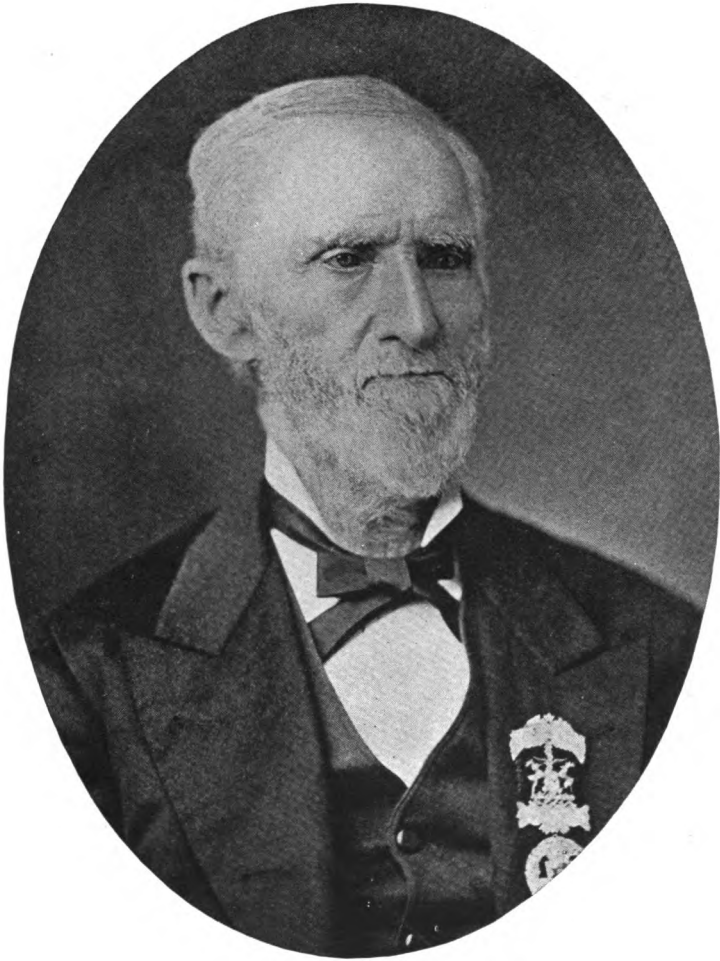
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## EBENEZER SPRAGUE.

GRAND MASTER, 1871.

Ebenezer Sprague was one of the old school Masons that for a long time formed the connecting link between the early Masonry of Michigan and that of today. He was prominently identified with the Grand Bodies, particularly with the Grand Chapter and Grand Council in which bodies he seemed to take a special interest, and which honored him and honored itself by giving him the highest office therein.





*EBENEZER SPRAGUE*  
*Grand Master, 1871*



The life of this venerable Companion, Ebenezer Sprague, was prolonged until the companions of his youth, the business associates of his mature years, the wife he had cherished in sickness and in health, the son he had seen grow to manhood, all were gone. But he was not left alone. He had one relationship in life which did not desert him. His Masonic affiliations gave him something in common with an age in which otherwise he would have been a stranger.

In the Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery, and in all the grand bodies he was at home and ever ready to fill any vacancy and promptly and accurately do the work of any officer who might be absent, and it is said he assisted in conferring the order of High Priesthood on every Companion who ever received it in this state to and including the year 1886.

He was a member of Battle Creek Lodge, No. 12. Was exalted in Washtenaw Chapter, No. 6, Ann Arbor, April 25, 1853. Received the council degrees in Mount Moriah Council, No. 6, of Coldwater, and was a member of Peninsular Commandery, No. 8, of Kalamazoo. He was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1865.

In the Grand Council he was Grand Principal Conductor of Work in 1861, and Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant in 1871.

When he was born Napoleon was at the zenith of his power, Thomas Jefferson was President of the United States, and Michigan was known as a part of the Northwest Territory, with no white settlement except Detroit, Frenchtown and Mackinaw, with a white population of less than 3,000.

The records of his early life, so far as they are accessible are very meagre. He was born in the State of New York, December 25, 1804, and came to Michigan while it was a territory, and when its entire population was only 50,000.

He had lived in Saline, Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Lyons, St. Johns, and Grand Rapids, but for many years he resided most of the time in Pontiac with Brother James Ogle and his estimable wife, who became greatly attached to him, and to whom he was indebted for great kindness during his declining years.

In July, 1891, he visited the Masonic Home at Grand Rapids at the earnest request of the officers of that institution. His failing health prevented his return and on New Year's night he was stricken with paralysis, and died the next morning, January 2, 1892, and Monday morning, January 4, after brief religious services at the "Home," conducted by our Rev. Brother J. T. Husted, of Grand Rapids, his remains were conveyed to Muir, under escort of the brethren of Grand Rapids, where they were met by Lyons Lodge, No. 37, and a delegation from Pontiac.

**HENRY SHAW NOBLE.**

GRAND MASTER, 1872.

Henry Shaw Noble, a son of Honorable David A. Noble, was born in Monroe, December 19, 1839. He was educated at the branch school of the University, and at the age of sixteen entered the University at Ann Arbor.

He was married to Miss Delia E. Vrooman, in 1857. Companion Noble entered the mercantile business the same year and dealt in general merchandise under the firm name of W. A. & H. S. Noble, until 1861, when the firm was changed to Noble & Redfield, which continued until 1865.

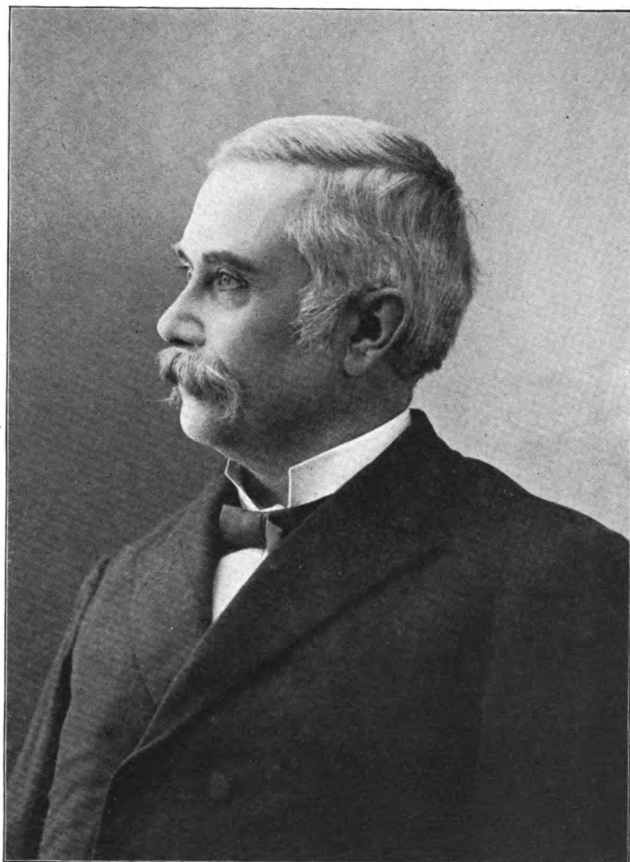
Companion Noble was Secretary of the Holly, Wayne, and Monroe Railway during the time of its construction. He was one of the originators of the organization of the Monroe Democrat. He studied law with Willeys and Raleigh and was admitted to the bar in 1872. Was appointed postmaster of Monroe, Michigan, by President Cleveland.

He was made a Master Mason in Monroe Lodge, No. 27, Free and Accepted Masons, and served as its Worshipful Master. In 1884 he was elected to the responsible position of Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge to succeed Brother R. W. Landon, and held this position until 1894.

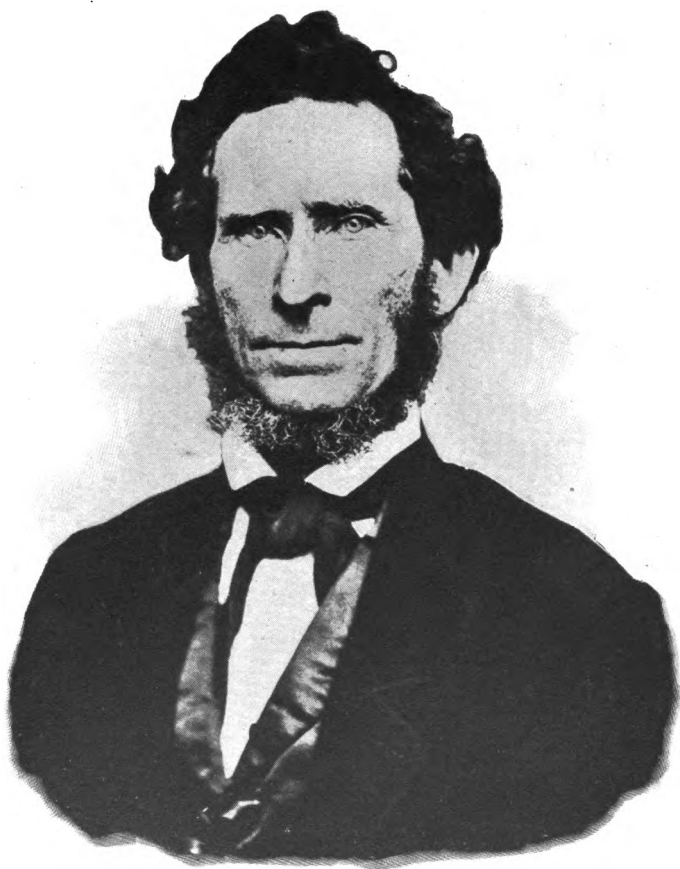
He was exalted to the Royal Arch degree in River Raisin Chapter, No. 22, February 5, 1864, and was elected High Priest in 1874, and held the office for five years. In 1879 he was elected Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter and held the office for fifteen years.

He was made a Royal and Select Master in River Raisin Council, No. 4, and was elected Thrice Illustrious Master in 1870, and in 1872 he was made M. I. Grand Master of the Grand Council. In 1880 he was elected Grand Treasurer and served until 1894.

He was Knighted in Monroe Commandery, No. 19, and was its Eminent Commander. In 1881 he was elected Grand Treasurer of Grand Commandery of Michigan and held that office until 1894.



*HENRY SHAW NOBLE*  
*Grand Master 1872*



*WILLIAM BROWN*

*Grand Master, 1873-1874*

**WILLIAM BROWN.**

GRAND MASTER, 1873-4.

William Brown was born at Newbury, New York, April 22, 1811. He removed to Michigan in 1832, settling in Bedford, removing, a few years later, to Birmingham, where he resided until 1853, when he removed to Battle Creek, where he resided until his death.

Upon locating in this place he began the manufacture of threshing machines under the firm name of William Brown & Co., which subsequently became Upton, Brown & Co., of which he was the senior member at the time of his death.

He was a man of high moral character, strict business integrity, and especially a friend of the laboring man, with whom he was always in warmest sympathy, and although he was quiet and reserved in social life, he possessed the friendship and esteem of a large circle of acquaintances. He was one who, whenever duty pointed, was ready to perform it promptly and well.

He was made a Mason in Detroit Lodge, No. 2, July 27, 1847, and raised September 15, of the same year. He took an active part in organizing Birmingham Lodge, No. 44, in 1850, and was its first Worshipful Master, holding that office until he removed to Battle Creek. It was under his mastership that Companion Hugh McCurdy, then just arrived at lawful age, received the symbolic degrees of Masonry.

He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Monroe Chapter, No. 1, March 22, 1848. The degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred upon him in Monroe Council, No. 1, Detroit. He was created a Knight Templar, in Peninsular Commandery, No. 8, of Kalamazoo, on January 21, 1859. In 1873 he was elected Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council and re-elected the next year, an honor not conferred upon any other Grand Master since the first two. He was very enthusiastic in this branch of Masonry and to it he devoted much thought and study, and did much to assist in giving it that prominence which it now enjoys in this state.

In 1876 he was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter and ruled the Royal Craft for one year with discretion and ability. All of his Masonic honors he bore with a modesty becoming his sensitive and refined nature, and won the lasting love and esteem of all those with whom he was associated.

He died at his home in Battle Creek, September 23, 1880, of heart disease, and was buried three days later, the funeral services being under the supervision of Peninsular Commandery. Besides this Commandery, there were many Sir Knights present

from other cities and towns in that part of the state, besides lodges and large numbers of brethren, forming one of the largest processions ever seen in that place.

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### MORTIMER MANSFIELD.

GRAND MASTER, 1875.

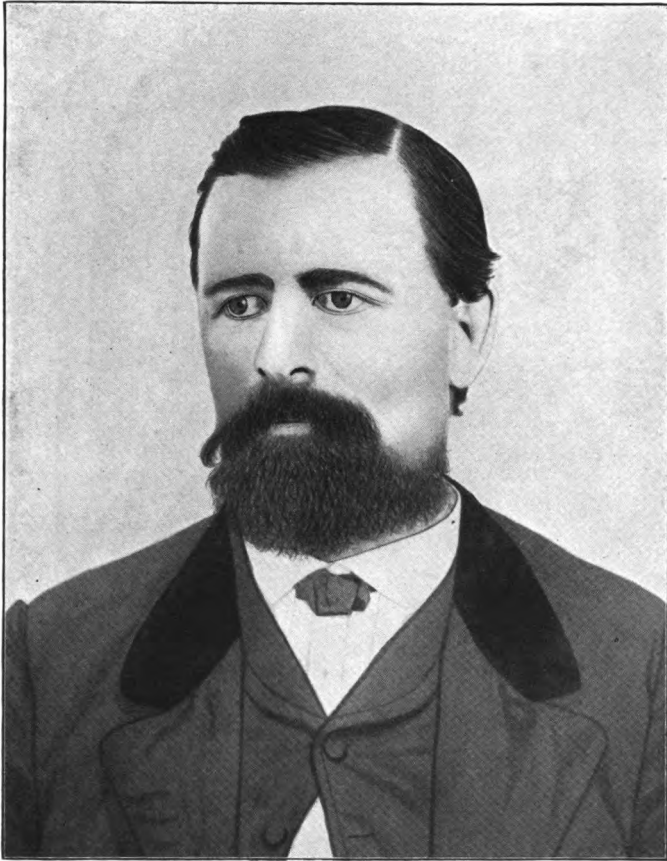
Mortimer Mansfield was born October 23, 1826, at Barrie, Orleans County, New York, where he resided until 1833, when he with his father, Honorable Clark Mansfield, moved to Bridgewater, Washtenaw County, Michigan, where he resided until 1850, when he removed to Coldwater, Branch County, Michigan, at which place he resided at death. Companion Mansfield received the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry in Tyre Lodge, No. 18, of Coldwater, Mich., in 1851, receiving the first degree July 8th, the second degree August 19th, and the third degree August 26th, of which Lodge he was ever a constant, faithful and active member. He filled important positions in the Lodge. In 1851 he was appointed and served as Senior Deacon, in 1852 he was elected Senior Warden, and in 1854 he was elected Worshipful Master and served one year.

Companion Mansfield received the Capitular degrees in Masonry in Temple Chapter, No. 21, of Coldwater, Mich., being exalted to the Royal Arch on the 20th of April, 1859, of which Chapter he was a zealous and efficient member, holding the office of Captain of the Host for a number of years.

The degrees of Cryptic Masonry were conferred on Companion Mansfield in Mount Moriah Council, No. 6, at Coldwater, Mich., December 9th, 1869. He was elected Thrice Illustrious Master of said Council, December 24th, 1866, holding the office for eight consecutive years, discharging the duties with honor and to the entire satisfaction of his Companions. January 19th, 1875, he was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master of this Grand Council.

In addition to the foregoing, Companion Mansfield was an honored member of other Masonic bodies, having received the orders of Knighthood in Jacobs Commandery, No. 10, K. T., of Coldwater, Michigan, January 22, 1861, in which Commandery he held from time to time responsible stations, having been elected Captain General several times successively. The Consistory degrees, up to and including the thirty-second, were conferred on him in the city of Detroit, February 22, 1871.





*MORTIMER MANSFIELD*  
*Grand Master, 1875*



*GEORGE HILL, JR.*  
*Grand Master, 1876*

Together with his wife he was a charter member of Coldwater Chapter No. 1, Order of the Eastern Star, and helped organize the Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star, of the state of Michigan.

Companion Mansfield was among the first to enlist at the outbreak of the Civil War and organized a company at Coldwater, of which he was first lieutenant. This was Company G, of Ninth Michigan Infantry. January 7, 1862, he was promoted to captain, and later was brevetted colonel for gallantry.

He was taken prisoner at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, July 13, 1862, and held till August 8, when he was released. He at once returned to the service and was among the last to be mustered out at the close of the war.

After his return from the army he was appointed revenue collector, filling the position with credit for years.

In his social relations he was cheerful and lively, rendering his society agreeable, and was seldom seen without a smile, indicating the warm feelings of a kind friend. He was genial and generous in every impulse of his nature, commanding the respect, love and esteem of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. His sympathies as well as his purse, were at all times ready to assist in alleviating the sufferings of the poor and distressed. It can truly be said of him, he was a good man and true, strictly adhering to the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth.

Companion Mansfield died at his home in the city of Coldwater, December 20, 1883, surrounded by his family, and a large circle of friends. His funeral was attended with Knightly honors on Sunday, December 23rd.

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## GEORGE HILL, JR.

GRAND MASTER, 1876.

George Hill Jr. was born in Spring Arbor, Jackson County, Michigan, on June 25, 1839. He was educated in the public schools of Portland, after which he took up the occupation of foundry man. He resided in Portland until 1885, when he removed to California and is now living in Los Angeles.

He was made Master Mason in Portland Lodge, No. 31, F. & A. M., being initiated February 19, passed February 22, and raised March 26, 1861, his father, George Hill, Sr., conferring the degrees. He was elected Master of his Lodge in 1866 and filled that station continuously until 1882.

He received the Chapter degrees in Ionia Chapter, No. 14, completing the Royal Arch on February 24, 1865, immediately taking a dimit for the purpose of joining in organizing a new Chapter at Portland, which was done March 10, 1865, his father being the first High Priest. He was elected High Priest in 1867, afterwards serving as Secretary. In 1879 he was elected Grand Captain of the Host in the Grand Chapter of Michigan, steadily advancing until he filled the station of Grand High Priest in 1883, serving one year. He dimitted in 1886 after removing west.

He passed the circle of perfection in Ionia Council, No. 12, and with eight others immediately took dimitts and organized Portland Council, No. 23, and was Thrice Illustrious Master of that body in 1868 and for five years following. After filling the subordinate stations he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1876 and served one year. He was dimitted in 1890.

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### JOHN R. EVERARD.

GRAND MASTER, 1877.

Companion John R. Everard was of English birth and parentage, being born in Liverpool, England, June 24, 1828. The facts concerning his early life seem to be impossible to secure. About 1860 he removed to Jackson, Michigan, and was engaged in the clothing business under the firm name of Bunnell and Everard.

He was made a Mason in Michigan Lodge, No. 50, being initiated November 20, passed November 26, and raised December 18, 1861. He dimitted December 4, 1878, and moved to Minnesota, where he affiliated with Ark Lodge, No. 176, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

He received the Royal Arch degree in Jackson Chapter, No. 3, Jackson, Mich., September 15, 1864. Upon leaving the state he dimitted, December 6, 1878, affiliating with the Capitular branch in Minneapolis.

He received the Cryptic degrees in Jackson Council, No. 32, and in 1875 was elected Thrice Illustrious Master, serving two years. December 6, 1878, he dimitted from that Council. In 1874 he was elected Grand Conductor of the Council in Grand Council R. & S. M., of Michigan, and advanced steadily until in 1877 he was elected to the exalted station of M. I. Grand Master of Michigan, serving one year.

He received the orders of Knighthood in Jackson Commandery, No. 9, K. T., of Jackson, Michigan, May 27, 1871. He dimitted



*JOHN R. EVERARD*  
*Grand Master, 1877*



*ANDREW J. UTLEY*  
*Grand Master, 1878*

December 11, 1878, and removed to Minneapolis, Minnesota, and became prominently identified with the Masonic bodies of that city, where he died on November 22, 1891. His funeral was conducted by Ark Lodge, and he was buried in the Mt. Evergreen Cemetery in Jackson. He left a wife who died in 1900, and a daughter now living in Brooklyn, N. Y.

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### ANDREW JACKSON UTLEY.

GRAND MASTER, 1878.

Companion Utley was born in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, May 30, 1833, and in 1838 he removed with his father's family to Delaware County, Ohio. He was educated at Central College, Oberlin, Ohio, and at Wesleyan University he took a thorough scientific course, giving him a practical English education with some knowledge of ancient languages. In 1859 he engaged in mercantile business at Marengo, Ohio, where he married Miss Ellen M. Hance.

In 1863 he removed to Ann Arbor, Michigan, and entered the senior class of the law department, graduating in 1864, after which he removed to Gratiot County and entered upon the practice of his profession at Ithaca and St. Louis. In 1868 he was elected Prosecuting Attorney.

In 1879 he removed to Topeka, Kansas, where, for a short time he engaged in farming and then took up the practice of law. He then removed to Los Angeles, California, and opened a law office. He held the office of Chief Deputy District Attorney for Los Angeles County.

For many years Judge Utley was a familiar figure in the streets and in the courts of Los Angeles. He gained his title of Judge in the State of Michigan, where he spent the earliest years of his professional career. Born and bred in the Democratic faith and named after "Old Hickory" himself, he was a staunch Democrat until he became a resident of Kansas, where he allied himself with the Populist party, which was at that time at the height of its power.

Upon emigrating to California he united himself with the People's party, then an important factor in the body politic. Judge Utley first came into prominence in Los Angeles by the vigorous manner in which he campaigned for the Fusionist candidate of Congress. He was an uncompromising bimetalist and was the author of a book on bimetalism, published in 1899, which was pronounced by so ardent a free silverite as United States Senator John P. Jones, as one of the best works on the subject ever written. The

aged barrister was held in high esteem professionally and in his private life and had many warm friends and admirers.

He was raised to the degree of Master Mason in Worthington, Ohio, was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Ithaca Chapter, No. 70, R. A. M., at Ithaca, Mich., June 19, 1862. He was made Royal and Select Master at the organization of Ithaca Council, No. 33, R. & S. M., at Ithaca, in 1870, and appeared as the first Principal Conductor of Work. He represented his Council in Grand Council in 1872, and was elected Grand Steward, filling various offices in line until in 1878 he was elected M. I. Grand Master, serving one year. He dimitted September 1, 1879. He was created a Knight Templar in Emporia, Kansas.

Companion Utley died at his home in Los Angeles, California, November 10, 1905, and the funeral was held at his home on Sunday, November 12, and was conducted by the Order of the Eastern Star.

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## HUGH McCURDY.

GRAND MASTER, 1879.

Hugh McCurdy was born in Hamilton, Lanarkshire, Scotland, December 22, 1829. When only eight years of age he emigrated with his parents to the United States, and settled for the time at Birmingham, Michigan, which the people of the east regarded as the very frontier of American civilization. The sturdy Scotch character that has since stood the man in such good stead was apparent even in the tender lad. His first stroke for fortune was made in the humble capacity of cooper's apprentice. He had early learned the old lesson of doing with his might whatsoever his hand found to do, and his work as a cooper soon began to take on those special qualities of excellence which have since peculiarly distinguished all his "work" in a field with which the readers of this sketch are too well acquainted to render explanation necessary.

His Masonic life covers a period of nearly fifty-eight years, he having been initiated in Birmingham Lodge, No. 44, on August 5, 1850. Ten days later he was passed and raised to the degree of Master Mason. In the year 1859 he organized Corunna Lodge, No. 115, was its first Master and served in that office for six successive years.

He received the Chapter degrees in Washington Chapter, No. 15, at Flint, and was exalted to the Holy Royal Arch, February 5, 1864. He established Corunna Chapter, No. 33, January 10, 1865, and was its first High Priest, in which chair he remained for six consecutive years.





*HUGH McCURDY*

*Grand Master, 1879*



January 10, 1871, he was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, January 17, 1873, he was unanimously elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, something which had never before occurred. The total number of votes cast was 832. October 2, 1873, he laid the corner-stone of the new State Capitol at Lansing.

He received the Orders of the Temple in Fenton Commandery, No. 14, at Fentonville, March 13, 1866. May 9, 1877, he was elected Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Michigan.

December 18, 1866, he received the Council degrees of Royal and Select Master in St. Johns Council, No. 21, at St. Johns, Michigan. January 17, 1875, he instituted a Council of Royal and Select Masters in Corunna, was its first Thrice Illustrious Master, and continued to so serve that Council for eight years. January 21, 1879, he was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and served one year, since which time he has been almost continuously on the Jurisprudence Committee.

December 19, 1866, he received the Consistory degrees in Detroit Consistory. November 18, 1873, he received the thirty-third degree and was created an honorary member of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U. S. at Chicago. September 18, 1879, he was appointed Grand Marshal of the Camp in the Supreme Council, which office he continued to hold until September 27, 1883. September 27, 1883, he was elected and crowned an active member of the Supreme Council *ad vitam*. March 27, 1884, he was elected Illustrious Commander-in-Chief of Michigan Sovereign Consistory of Detroit.

September 19, 1888, he was elected Deputy Grand Commander for Michigan of the Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States, and which office he held until this year.

He is also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, and of Moslem Temple at Detroit, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

August 11, 1892, he was elected by an unanimous ballot, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars for the United States of America, at Denver, Colorado, which position he filled for three years to the satisfaction of the great brotherhood over which he presided.

The extraordinary scope and character of such a record can scarcely fail to stir a spirit of generous emulation in every true Mason's breast. Perhaps honors like these are reserved for the few, but every faithful man in the Order may at least aspire to them. At the very least so conspicuous and noble an exemplification of loyal service rewarded, must be productive of lasting good to Masonry.

Companion McCurdy's Masonic life will ever be an inspiration to the Masons of this state who have loved and honored him so many years, and who mourn the fact that advancing years and failing health prevents him from continuing his active association with his Masonic Brethren.

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## DAVID WOODWARD.

GRAND MASTER, 1880.

David Woodward was born in Manchester, Ontario County, New York, February 28, 1825. On the fifth day of May, 1835, when ten years old he landed in Clinton, Michigan, and has most faithfully stuck to his adopted home ever since.

Although Companion Woodward was never an office seeker, soon after Clinton was incorporated he was elected President of the village, not knowing his name was mentioned. In 1853 he held the office of Justice of the Peace.

He has been associated with his son in the foundry business and the manufacture of plows as well as being a farmer and grower of choice fruits.

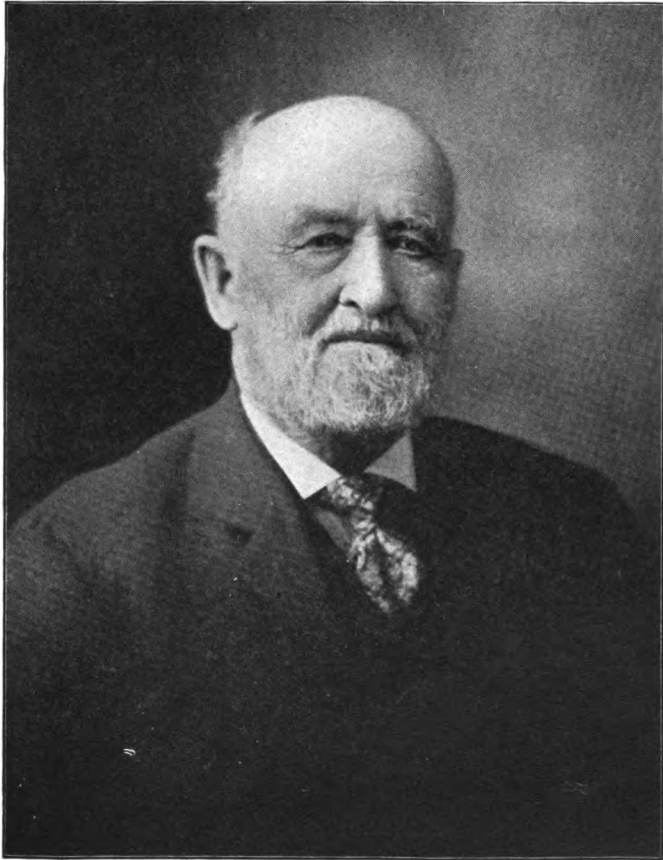
Companion Woodward was made a Master Mason in Tecumseh Lodge, No. 69, and was at once made Junior Warden, later serving as Worshipful Master. On the organization of Clinton Lodge in 1865 he affiliated therein.

He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Clinton Chapter, No. 40, which was then under dispensation, October 31, 1865. He was elected High Priest in 1872.

He received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Adrian Council, No. 18, in 1866; was elected Thrice Illustrious Master of Clinton Council, No. 26, in 1877, and served for twenty-four years in that position.

In 1878 he was elected Grand Principal Conductor of Work and in 1880 was elevated to the station of Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Michigan, and has ever since been a faithful attendant at the annual assemblies of that body. He has also been active as a visiting Deputy in inspecting and instructing Councils.

He was knighted in Adrian Commandery, No. 4. He has been active in the Council of High Priesthood, having been Conductor for many years. Companion Woodward boasts that he is always going to be a boy and never grow old and his spryness indicates that he means to endeavor to carry out his threat.



*DAVID WOODWARD*  
*Grand Master, 1880*



*RUFUS CLAGHORN HATHEWAY*  
*Grand Master, 1881*

**RUFUS C. HATHEWAY.**

GRAND MASTER, 1881.

Rufus Claghorn Hatheway was born at "Old Landing," in the old town of Rochester, (now Marion), Plymouth County, Massachusetts, December 21, 1837. He was the second son of Hon. Gilbert Hatheway, who was engaged in whale fishery and commercial pursuits in New Bedford, Massachusetts, and came to Michigan in 1849, engaging in sawed oak stave business in connection with his eastern interests.

Rufus passed through his studies in school with credit, always being found among the leaders in his numerous classes. He finished his studies at the Academy quite young, expecting to take a higher collegiate course. His ruling passion at this time, however, seemed to be for a seaman's life, and upon which he entered instead of attending college. This life he followed for several years, sailing in various parts of the world and advancing to honorable positions in that calling, but at his mother's earnest solicitations he abandoned that life. Early in the fifties he came to Michigan, and engaged with his father in his stave and timber business in Eastern Michigan, the field of operations being in what is called the "Thumb." This business he afterwards took full charge and control of. He continued the management until 1865, when he removed to the western part of the state, and engaged in lumbering and commercial business on his own account. He met with several severe losses from fire, the last time being 1879. After that time he was engaged in real estate, insurance, and commission lumber business.

He was married in 1860 to Ama A. Sage, of Memphis, Michigan, who died in 1876. In 1883 he married Lizzie, eldest daughter of Gen. William P. Innes. He and his family were all members of the Episcopal Church. He was a Republican in politics from the time of the organization of that party in Michigan to his death.

Companion Hatheway was made a Mason in Ionia Lodge, No. 36, in 1868, and in 1871, he received the Capitular degrees in Ionia Chapter, No. 14, R. A. M.

He was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Michigan in 1877, and Senior Grand Warden in 1878. In 1886 he was elected Deputy Grand Master, and in 1887 Grand Master, which exalted station he occupied for one year.

Grand Master Hatheway travelled over nineteen thousand five hundred miles in the performance of his official duties, his mileage account being the largest ever presented by any Michigan Grand Master. The address of Grand Master Hatheway at the opening of the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge was the longest ever delivered in the state, occupying nearly four hours in its delivery

The matters which he presented were treated at great length with no attempt to abbreviate, and he did not spare either himself or his audience in its delivery.

He was greeted a Royal and Select Master, December 21, 1876, in Ionia Council, No. 12, and in 1877 was made Thrice Illustrious Master, serving for four years. He was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan in 1881.

He had attained the thirty-second degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and was a member of DeWitt Clinton Consistory in Grand Rapids.

He died at his home in the city of Grand Rapids, on Wednesday, December 9, 1896, after a wasting illness of several months' duration, and was buried in Fulton Street Cemetery, Grand Rapids, on Sunday, December 13, 1896, with honors befitting a Past Grand Master, the Grand Lodge of Michigan conducting the Masonic ceremonies.

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## WILLIAM G. HUDSON.

GRAND MASTER, 1882.

William G. Hudson was born in Gouverneur, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., October 14, 1843, and his early life was not marked by more than the usual incidents of school days and young aspirations, till in 1861, when eighteen years of age, he enlisted in the 16th N. Y. Infantry, but on account of temporary sickness was not mustered in at that time, but was sent home. Still determined to "face the foe," he again enlisted in August of the same year and was mustered into United States service in Battery H, N. Y. Light Artillery, and the following October left for Washington, where the succeeding spring he joined the "Army of the Potomac" under Gen. McClellan, for the Peninsular campaign.

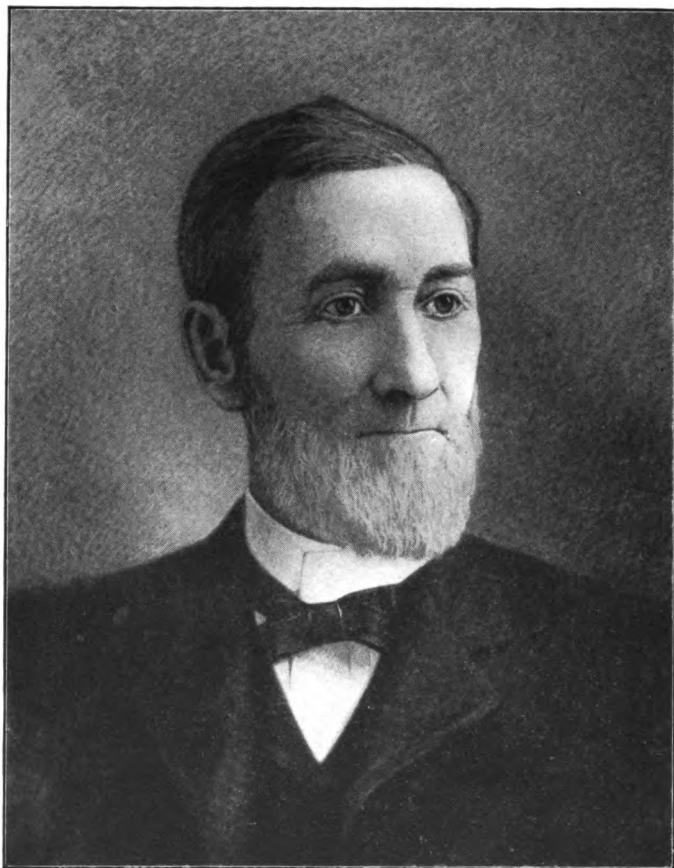
On being mustered out Companion Hudson returned to Michigan, and in the close of 1865 was united in marriage to Miss M. J. Whitney, of Olivet, Michigan, and two children were born, one a daughter dying when ten years old, and the other a son, now a lawyer in Ludington, Michigan.

William G. Hudson was made a Master Mason in Bellevue Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 83, in Bellevue, Mich., 1867, and a Royal Arch Mason in Bellevue Chapter, No. 53, R. A. M. In 1870 he was Knighted in Marshall Commandery, K. T., No. 17, Marshall, Mich. He was a charter member of Olivet Lodge, No. 267, F. & A. M., of which he was Worshipful Master in 1871. He also assisted in organizing Ludington Chapter, No. 92, R. A. M., in 1873, and was for





*WILLIAM G. HUDSON*  
*Grand Master, 1882*



*GEORGE H. GREENE*  
*Grand Master, 1883*

four years High Priest of the same. When Apollo Commandery, No. 31, K. T., of Ludington, was organized he was one of the principal originators of the movement, and one of the first charter members. This was in 1882, and for the ensuing four years he was Eminent Commander, and served with zeal in that honored position. He has taken all the degrees in Scottish Rite work in DeWitt Clinton Consistory, receiving the 32d degree February 16, 1881. He received the 33d degree, Honorary, in 1891.

He took the Royal and Select Masters' degrees in Oceana Council R. & S. M., No. 27, and is a charter member of Ludington Council, organized in 1887, and of which he has been T. I. Master for four years. He was elected Grand Master of the Grand Council R. & S. M. of Michigan in 1883.

In 1890, after having passed through the subordinate offices in the Grand Chapter, he was elected Grand High Priest and served one year with zeal and earnestness. He is still residing in Ludington.

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### GEORGE HENRY GREENE.

GRAND MASTER, 1883.

GRAND TREASURER, 1895-1899.

George Henry Greene was of New England stock. He was a lineal descendent in the ninth generation of John Greene, surgeon, who came in 1635 from England to Salem, Mass. This ancestor was banished from the Massachusetts colony and joined Roger Williams in Providence.

He was born in Grosse Isle, the island in the Detroit river, October 12, 1836. From boyhood he lived in Rasinville, Monroe County. After a year in Yates academy in Orleans County, N. Y., he began in 1854 a career of nine years as teacher in the schools of Monroe County.

He was married to Miss Julia Lucretia Baldwin, of Rasinville, April 8, 1862. In April, 1863, they moved to Lansing, where he engaged in making chairs. Three years later he became overseer of the cane shop at the Industrial School for boys.

His proficiency was recognized and he was appointed principal teacher in the Industrial School. He was soon promoted to the position of assistant superintendent.

In 1871 he assisted in the census compilations in the office of the secretary of state. He then became a clerk in the auditor general's office. Subsequently he was chief of a division in the office for over a score of years.

Companion Greene was one of the founders of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society. He was the corresponding secretary from 1879 and recording secretary from 1892 to his death.

In politics he was an ardent Republican. He was a Congregationalist, but was identified with the Franklin Street Presbyterian Church from its formation. Moving to the central part of the city a number of years ago, he united with Plymouth Congregational Church.

He was one of the five commissioners appointed by Governor Luce to the National Centennial celebration at Marietta, Ohio, July, 1888.

His Masonic record is one of which any man might justly be proud. He was made a Master Mason in Lansing Lodge, No. 33, May 1, 1865. During four years, 1871-4, he was Master of the Lodge. Nine years, 1874 to 1883, he was High Priest of Capital Chapter, No. 9, R. A. M. One year, 1879, Thrice Illustrious Master of Lansing Council, No. 29, Royal and Select Masters; nine years, 1877 to 1886, Prelate of Lansing Commandery, No. 25, Knights Templar. In 1883 he was Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan, and in 1895 he was made Grand Treasurer and continued to fill this position till his death.

For twelve years, 1881 to 1892 inclusive, he was an efficient member of the Finance Committee of the Grand Chapter, and in 1898 and 1899 a member of the Committee on Correspondence.

George Greene died at his home in Lansing, on Saturday evening, June 24th, at seven o'clock. His funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon, June 27th, the Masonic services being in charge of Lansing Lodge, No. 33, F. & A. M., with Lansing Commandery, No. 25, acting as escort, and the officers of the Grand Council attending in a body, and with the beautiful burial service of Masonry, our loved companion was laid at rest in Mount Hope cemetery.

In his death Masonry lost one of its most earnest votaries and the world another example of pure, Christian manhood.

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## JAMES H. CUMMINS.

GRAND MASTER, 1884.

James H. Cummins was born in Asbury, Warren County, New Jersey, May 22nd, 1837. He graduated in the High School in Hackettstown, and sought a new home in Michigan. He located at Fenton, where he taught school for one year and then engaged



*JAMES H. CUMMINS*  
*Grand Master, 1884*



in the produce business, which he continued until August, 1861. At this time he enlisted in the regimental band of the 3rd Michigan Cavalry and remained with this company until an order was issued mustering out all regimental bands, when he returned to Holly, Michigan, and assisted in raising a company for the 12th Michigan Cavalry, leaving the state as first lieutenant of Company L. In April, 1864, he was promoted to captain of this company and served with the regiment to which he was attached until it was mustered out of service, with the exception of a part of the year 1865, when he served as adjutant general on the staff of Major General E. Upton, in East Tennessee. He was mustered out of service with the regiment, as brevet major in November, 1865. "Michigan in the war" says of him: "Promoted to major by brevet for gallantry in action at High Point, North Carolina, where with one battalion of his regiment he captured and destroyed more than three million dollars worth of the enemy's property."

At the close of the war he returned to Holly, Michigan, and engaged in the drug business, which he continued until 1872, when he disposed of this business and commenced work in the service of the Michigan Mutual Life Insurance company of Detroit, as solicitor. He was made a director of this company in 1882, and in 1890 was called to the home office and took charge of the loan and real estate department of the company. Soon thereafter, he was elected secretary, which position he held for many years, resigning as secretary on account of his health in 1901. He is still connected with the company as special representative.

He was married December 31, 1857, to Margaret J. Harding, at Fenton, Mich., who died May 16, 1898. September 19, 1899 he was married to Emma J. Harding, at Detroit, Mich.

In 1881 he was appointed colonel on the staff of Governor J. W. Begole, and in 1882 was appointed assistant quartermaster general of the State of Michigan.

He has held every office in the common council of the village of Holly, and was president of the village when its present system of water-works was put in, Holly being the first village of its size in the state to adopt water-works. He has always been a Democrat in politics, but never accepted any political office except the position of postmaster at Holly for one term.

His Masonic career commenced in 1873, he being made a Master Mason in Holly Lodge, No. 134, on February 7th of that year. August 6th of the same year he was made a Royal Arch Mason in Holly Chapter, No. 80. He was High Priest of this Chapter for eight years and Thrice Illustrious Master of Holly Council, No. 39, for nine years. For years he was Treasurer of all the Masonic

bodies of Holly. He is also a member of Genessee Valley Commandery, No. 15, Flint, and of Michigan Sovereign Consistory and Moslem Temple Mystic Shrine, of Detroit. In 1894 he was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan. He proved a wise and careful manager of the affairs of Capitular Masonry and won for himself a high place in the esteem of his Companions.

He was elected Grand Master of the Grand Council, R. & S. M., in 1884 and since that time has served almost continuously as chairman of the Finance Committee and has proved a careful manager and excellent financier.

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### GEORGE H. STEPHENSON.

GRAND MASTER, 1885.

Companion Stephenson was born in Liverpool, England, January 26, 1838. When nineteen years of age he came to the United States and located at Cold Spring, Long Island, N. Y., and in 1856 came to Michigan and settled in St. Johns, where he engaged in the dry goods and clothing trade and where he resided until his death. He was married to Minerva Batcheller, August 13, 1863, who with five daughters and two sons survived him.

His Masonic record is as follows: Made Master Mason in St. Johns Lodge, No. 105, July 26, 1861, and was its Master during the years 1882 and 1883. Exalted a Royal Arch Mason in St. Johns Chapter, No. 45, May 19, 1866, and its High Priest in 1884 and 1885. Made a Royal and Select Master in St. Johns Council, and in 1876 elected Thrice Illustrious Master and served seventeen years. In 1880 he was elected Grand Steward in the Grand Council and was advanced each year until 1885, when he was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master and served one year.

He was a member of St. Johns Commandery, K. T.

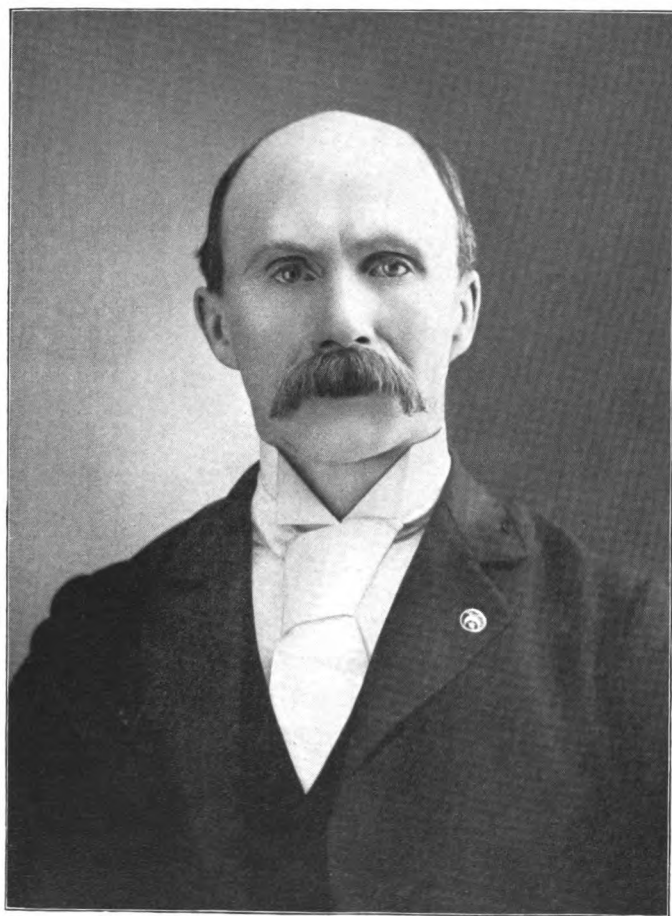
His illness was a long and painful one. For eight years he was afflicted with creeping paralysis, which gradually destroyed his physical activity. For the last five years he was entirely helpless.

Death came to his release on Friday morning, September 27, 1901, and his funeral was held on the 30th, the services being conducted by his Commandery, the officers of the Grand Council attending as mourners.





*GEORGE H. STEPHENSON*  
*Grand Master, 1885*



*ALFRED BALDREY*  
*Grand Master, 1886*

**ALFRED BALDREY.**

GRAND MASTER, 1886.

Alfred Baldrey was a native of England, being born in the university town of Cambridge, on January 28, 1847. He was the son of Joseph Deighton and Phoebe Baldrey. After being educated in the public schools of Cambridge he moved to Canada in June, 1865, stopping at London with Archdeacon Hellmuth of Hellmuth College. He then secured a position in the Commercial National Bank of Canada, at Windsor, and later became a clerk in the offices of the Great Western Railway, at Windsor. In 1866, at the outbreak of hostilities between the Fenian forces and the Canadian Government, he enlisted for the war. After peace was restored he was dismissed from active service by the War Department and moved to Detroit, entering the service of Charles H. Stafford, proprietor of the Commercial Mills, now the Henkle property, and began his work as a student of the milling business. In 1868 failing health compelled a change to outdoor employment and he began railroad-ing, this time in the employ of the Detroit and Milwaukee Railway, as brakeman, baggageman and conductor, until 1871, when he moved to Bay City, entering the employ of the Flint and Pere Marquette Railway. He remained there until 1874 when he removed to St. Joseph, as agent for the Chicago and West Michigan Lake Shore Railway, which was later made the Chicago and West Michigan Railway Co.

He remained with the railroad for seventeen years when ill health compelled a resignation. He then engaged in real estate and insurance work and also served in many public positions such as alderman, assessor, health officer, supervisor, justice and county coroner.

Companion Baldrey is now residing in Detroit and is manager of the Investment Banking firm of Anderson Bros. & Co., with offices in the Majestic building.

Companion Baldrey was united in marriage to Miss Herminie Antaya, on January 26, 1869, at Windsor, Canada, and during their thirty-nine years of married life she has fully demonstrated her title to the term "helpmate." They have one daughter, Laura, happily married to Frank H. Tichenor, of Chicago, Ill.

The Masonic life of Companion Baldrey has been an active one. He was initiated into Masonry in Bay City Lodge, No. 129, February 4, passed February 18, and raised March 4, 1874. He dimitted January 5, 1881, affiliating with Occidental Lodge, No. 56, of St. Joseph, March 10, 1881, where he served as Junior Warden, 1883, Senior Warden, 1884, and Worshipful Master in 1886, 1896, 1902, 1903. In 1904 on the consolidation of Occidental and Pomona

Lodges into the new St. Joseph Lodge, No. 437, he became a charter member thereof.

He received the Chapter degrees in Calvin Britain Chapter, No. 72, of St. Joseph, as follows: Mark, October 20; Past, November 10; Most Excellent, November 10; Royal Arch, November 12, 1875. He has served in various subordinate offices, and as High Priest for the years 1880 to 1885, 1888, 1891, 1892, and as Secretary in 1893, 1894 and 1895. He received the order of High Priesthood in January, 1880.

Companion Baldrey received his Council degrees at the institution of St. Joseph Council, No. 44, at St. Joseph, on November 30, 1875. He was elected and served as Thrice Illustrious Master, 1880, 1888, 1889, and was almost continuously in some office from 1876 to 1903.

In 1881 he was elected Grand Steward in the Grand Council, R. & S. M., of Michigan, and successively promoted from year to year until in 1886 he was elected M. I. Grand Master, serving the customary term. He was Grand Representative of Canada from 1887 to 1899.

He received the Orders of Knighthood in Niles Commandery, No. 12, K. T., the Red Cross, May 18, and Knight Templar and Malta, July 27, 1883. September 15, 1893, he dimitted and became a charter member of Malta Commandery, No. 44, K. T., at Benton Harbor, serving as Prelate during 1898 and 1899.

He received the ineffable degrees of the Scottish Rite in DeWitt Clinton Consistory at Grand Rapids and joined Saladin Temple, N. M. S., with the February class of 1891.

His recreation is Masonry and he is greatly devoted to it.

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## ALFRED GORDON GULLEY.

GRAND MASTER, 1887.

Companion Gulley began operations on this sphere of action, July 15, 1848, in Dearborn, Wayne County, Michigan. He secured the usual country school education, living with his parents on the farm until he was sixteen, when he entered the Michigan Agricultural College, from which he graduated four years later. After spending five years in Detroit and Rochester in various branches of horticultural work he settled in South Haven, where he devoted fifteen years to the fruit and nursery growing business. In 1890 he was called to his Alma Mater as an assistant in horticulture. In 1893 he went to Vermont in the same line of work and a year later



*ALFRED GORDON GULLEY*  
*Grand Master, 1887*



*ALLEN McKEE*

*Grand Master, 1888*

was called to the Connecticut Agricultural College, at Storrs, Connecticut, as Professor of Horticulture, which position he still holds.

He was married in 1879, and later his family circle was enlarged by an adopted son, now grown to manhood.

The Masonic record of Companion Gulley is as follows: He was made a Master Mason in Dearborn Lodge, No. 172, June 24, 1872; was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Peninsular Chapter, No. 16, of Detroit, November 6, 1872; received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in South Haven Council No. 45, March 3, 1876. In 1877 he dimitted from his Lodge and Chapter and affiliated in South Haven.

He was elected Worshipful Master of Star of the Lake Lodge, No. 158, in 1885; High Priest of South Haven Chapter, No. 58, in 1882 and 1883, and Thrice Illustrious Master of South Haven Council, No. 45, in 1877, serving three years.

In 1887 he was elected M. I. Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Michigan, after having been promoted through the various offices of the line.

He was dubbed and created a Knight Templar, April 17, 1899, in St. Johns Commandery, No. 11, K. T., at Willmantic, Connecticut, and was elected its Eminent Commander, January 25, 1904, serving one year.

Companion Gulley is very grateful that he was so early impressed with the beauties of Masonry and its principles, and that he has for so many years been a recipient of its honors, benefits, and pleasures. For fifteen years he was a faithful attendant at the annual meetings of the Grand Bodies and would have doubtless continued had he remained in the state.

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## ALLEN McKEE.

GRAND MASTER, 1888.

Allen McKee was born on a farm in Loraine, Jefferson County, New York, in 1847, and in that place he received his early education from the country schools. In 1861 he came to Michigan and located in Manistee, which has since been his home. In 1863, when sixteen years of age, he became fired with patriotism and love of country and enlisted as a private in Company I, Third Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war, receiving an honorable discharge. During his service he was captured at the Battle of the Wilderness and endured the hardships of prison life in the pens at Andersonville, Milen and Florence, at which last place he was paroled and he returned to his regiment for further

service. After returning home from the army he took up the calling of mechanical and steam engineering, which he has since continued.

He has many times been honored by his citizens with positions of honor and trust, serving in their city council as an alderman, and also as a member of the board of education.

Companion McKee was made a Mason in Manistee Lodge, No. 22, F. & A. M., and served the Lodge for three years as Worshipful Master. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Manistee Chapter, No. 65, R. A. M., May 6, 1878, afterward serving nine years as High Priest. After serving several years as a member of the Finance Committee of Grand Chapter, in 1897, he was made chairman of that important committee and so continued until 1906, when a temporary absence in the west caused his resignation.

He was greeted a Royal and Select Master in Manistee Council, No. 46, in 1880, and served five years as Thrice Illustrious Master. In 1884 he started in the Grand Council as Grand Conductor of the Council and in 1888 was elected M. I. Grand Master.

He was Knighted in Manistee Commandery, No. 32, Knights Templar and served that body three years as its Eminent Commander. Companion McKee's Masonic acquaintance is extensive and he will long be remembered by his friends in the Grand Bodies.

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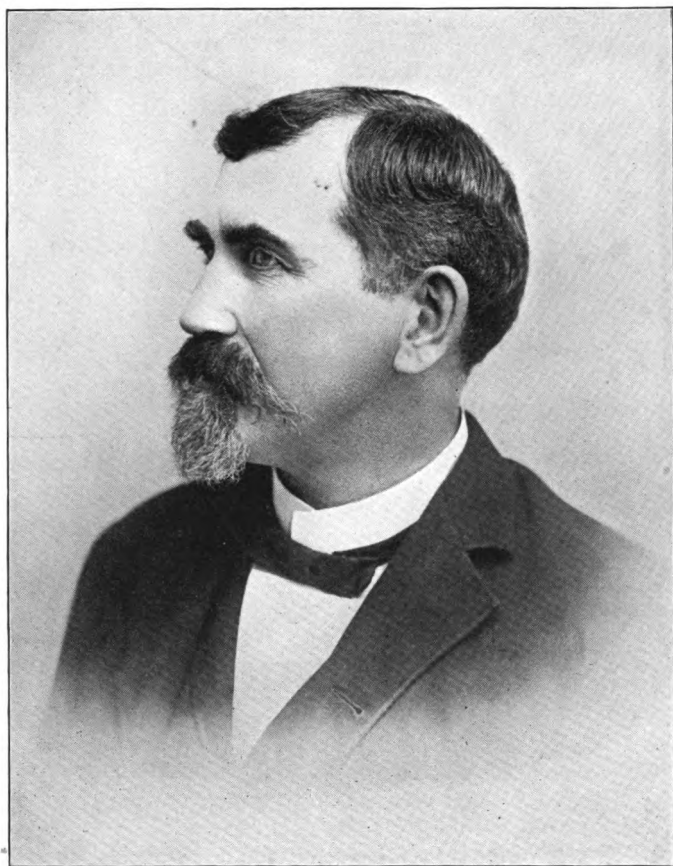
## THOMAS G. GREENE.

GRAND MASTER, 1889.

The subject of this sketch is a lineal descendant in the seventh generation from Roger Williams and John Greene, who on account of their religious opinions were expelled from Massachusetts Colony and settled in Narragansett plantations (now the state of Rhode Island).

Companion Greene was born at Cumberland, Rhode Island, on the second day of July, 1834. In the spring of 1840, with his father's family he moved to Ohio and settled on a small farm near Cleveland, where he remained until he was sixteen years old, attending the district school, when in session, and assisting his father during vacations. In 1850 he was indentured to a contractor and builder in the city of Cleveland, where he learned the trade of carpenter and joiner and received instructions in architectural drawing. In the fall of 1854 he moved to St. Joseph County, Michigan, and subsequently settled in the village of Constantine, where he engaged in business as a contractor and builder and erected several of what were then considered the finest residences in the country. In 1866





*THOMAS G. GREENE*  
*Grand Master, 1889*



he moved to Three Rivers, in said county, and engaged in business as a lumber dealer and manufacturer of sash, doors and blinds. On February 27, 1867, while operating a planing machine in his factory he lost his right arm.

In 1876 he was elected register of deeds for St. Joseph County, and moved to Centreville (the county seat) where he has ever since resided. He served six years as register of deeds and then engaged in the business of abstracting titles of real estate, in which business he is still engaged. He has held several offices of responsibility and trust and is now president of the local Fire Insurance Company, and also county agent for the State Board of Corrections and Charities.

On January 13, 1859, he was united in marriage with Miss Julia A. Gibson, of Constantine. This union was blessed with one child only, a daughter, now living in the city of Detroit.

Companion Greene was initiated into Masonry in Mt. Harmon Lodge, No. 24, at Centreville, Michigan, January 29, 1859, raised to the degree of Mark Master, April 9, 1859, dimitted from Mount Hermon Lodge, July 9, 1859, uniting with Siloam Lodge, No. 35, at Constantine, Michigan, January 6, 1860. Was elected Worshipful Master, December 13, 1861. He dimitted in March 1867, and united with Three Rivers Lodge, No. 57, April 16, 1867, and was elected its Worshipful Master, December 10, 1867. He dimitted from this Lodge July 21, 1891, reuniting with Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 24, September 12, 1891, and elected Worshipful Master, December 12, 1891, and is its present Treasurer.

He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Centreville Chapter, No. 11, at Centreville, Michigan, December 23, 1863; dimitted January 3, 1868, uniting with Salathiel Chapter, No. 23, at Three Rivers, Michigan, March 13, 1868; elected High Priest December 1, 1871; dimitted June 26, 1891, reuniting with Centreville Chapter, No. 11, August 19, 1891; elected High Priest December 16, 1891, and still holds that position.

He received the Council degrees in Three Rivers Council, No. 7, Royal and Select Masters in 1867, dimitted by certificate from Grand Recorder in 1883, united with Nebuzaradan Council, No. 37, now of Three Rivers, Michigan, December 3, 1883.

He was elected Grand Steward of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan, January 14, 1884, and served in the several subordinate offices until January 15, 1889, when he was elected M. I. Grand Master.

He received the degrees of the order of High Priesthood, January 4, 1872. He received the degrees of Knighthood in Columbia Commandery, No. 18, Knights Templar, at Sturgis, Michigan, February 10, 1871. He took a prominent part in the organization of

Three Rivers Commandery, No. 29, Knights Templar, at Three Rivers, for which a charter was granted in 1872, and served as Eminent Commander for two years.

Companion Greene has served as presiding officer of the several Masonic Bodies with which he has been connected as follows: As Worshipful Master of Lodges, twenty-three and one-half years; as High Priest of Chapters, thirty years; as Thrice Illustrious Master of Councils, seven years; as M. I. Grand Master, one year; as President of Order of High Priesthood, one year; as Eminent Commander of Knights Templar Commandery, two years; has served in subordinate offices, thirty-one years; total official service, ninety-five and one-half years. Presided at installation of officers of the several Masonic bodies, one hundred eight times, and presided at one hundred Masonic funerals.

Companion Greene has compiled a record of his Masonic work taken from the records of the several bodies in which he has conferred the degrees with the names of candidates and dates on which the several degrees were conferred from which it appears that he has conferred the several Masonic degrees to the date of this article as follows:

In the Lodge, Entered Apprentice, 251; Fellow Craft, 247; Master Mason, 332; total, 830. Chapter, Mark Master Mason, 144; Past Master, 151; Most Excellent Master, 180; Royal Arch Mason, 249; total, 724. Council Royal and Select Master; Royal Master, 71; Select Master, 71; total, 142. Order of High Priesthood, 14. Commandery, as Eminent Commander Order of Red Cross, 8; Knight Templar, 9; Malta, 6; total, 23. Commandery as Prelate, Red Cross, 108; Knight Templar, 115; Malta, 102; total, 325. Total number degrees conferred, 2,058.

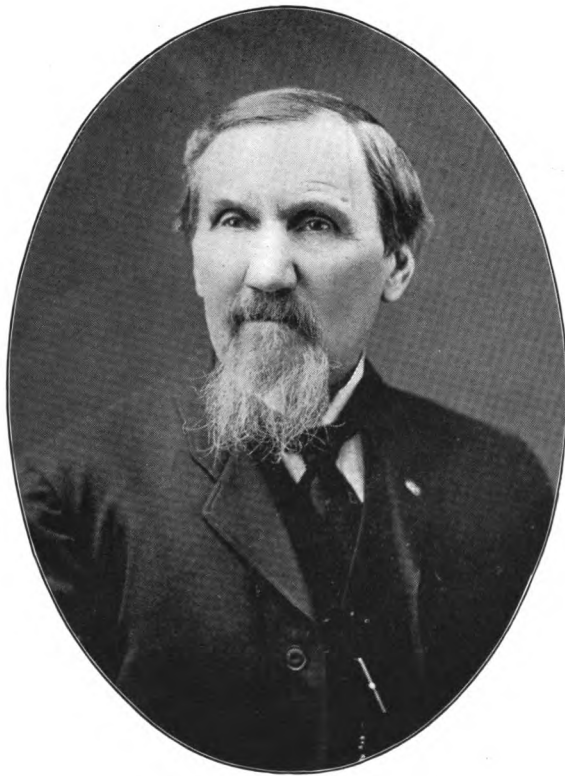
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## TRAVERS PHILLIPS.

GRAND MASTER, 1890.

Companion Phillips was born in Morgan, Ashtabula County, Ohio, January 17, 1830. His early education was received in the country schools of that time. During the winter of 1851 he was engaged in school teaching.

On April 15, 1853, he was united in marriage to Miss Louisa A. Knowlton, of Morgan, and in 1855 they removed to Calhoun County, Michigan, and about a year later to Hastings, which place has since been his home, where he has been engaged in either farming or merchandising most of the time.



*TRAVERS PHILLIPS*  
*Grand Master, 1890*



*CHARLES R. BAGG*  
*Grand Master, 1891*

In 1862 he answered the call of his country and served about a year in the Civil War as lieutenant of Company F, Eighth Regiment of Michigan Infantry.

His Masonic life has been a long and active one. He was made a Master Mason, May 30, 1857, in Hastings Lodge, No. 52, F. & A. M. Was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch in Grand Rapids Chapter, No. 7, October 6, 1864, and in 1869 dimitted and became the first Scribe of Hastings Chapter, No. 68, at its organization. He was elected High Priest in 1872.

He was the first Thrice Illustrious Master for Gibleum Council, No. 48, at Hastings, and served for several years.

In 1886 he was elected Grand Steward of the Grand Council and progressed through the lines until in 1890 he was elected M. I. Grand Master. For years he has been President, and an active worker in the Grand Council of High Priesthood.

Companion Phillips is one of the pioneer members of the Order of the Eastern Star in Michigan. In 1874 he was elected Grand Vice-President (Grand Patron) and in 1886 was elected Grand Secretary, which office he filled for seven years.

He has always lived an upright, consistent life and has made a host of friends.

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## CHARLES R. BAGG.

GRAND MASTER, 1891.

Charles R. Bagg was born in Marengo, Calhoun County, Michigan, October 6th, 1838, and when about one year old went to Detroit with his parents, and remained there until his death. In the public schools of that city he laid the foundation for an education, which was completed at the Ohio Wesleyan University of Delaware, Ohio.

After returning home from school he studied law in the office of Bishop & Holbrook, of Detroit, but before being admitted to the bar, abandoned the idea of a legal life and engaged in commercial business with his father, A. Smith Bagg. For several years he was director of the Detroit Board of Trade.

In politics he was a Democrat, and from 1866 to 1872 was chairman of the Democratic congressional committee of the first district of Michigan. March 7th, 1877, he was appointed deputy clerk of the recorder's court, of the City of Detroit, which position he held until his death. His efficient work in that position secured for him the commendation of all who had any occasion to come in contact with that work.

Companion Bagg was made a Mason in Union of S. O. Lodge, No. 3, Detroit, September 13, 1869, and from the outset was recognized by his brethren as one upon whom the jewel of office could be satisfactorily placed. He received the Capitular degrees in Peninsular Chapter, No. 16, R. A. M., August 31st, 1870, and the Cryptic degrees in Monroe Council, No. 1, R. & S. M., the same year. He was dubbed and created a Sir Knight in Detroit Commandery, No. 1, December 16th, 1870. He received the Consistory degrees in Michigan Sovereign Consistory, October 10th, 1871, and was a charter member of Moslem Temple, Detroit, at the organization of the same.

He was an active working Mason and held office in all bodies of Masonry: Union of S. O. Lodge, Senior Warden; High Priest of Peninsular Chapter, No. 16, R. A. M.; P. C. of Work in Monroe Council, R. & S. M., and D. M. of same; Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Michigan, R. & S. M., 1891; Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter of Michigan, 1893; Ceremonial Master, Moslem Temple, 1886-7; President of Masonic Library Board, 1885-9; and Lieut. Commander, Michigan Sovereign Consistory, 1875-6-7; Grand Secretary of Michigan Sovereign Consistory, 1884-5-6; Grand Secretary of Council of Deliberation, A. & A. S. R. for Michigan, 1880-86; Grand Master Carson Lodge of Perfection, Detroit, 1879; Ven. S. W. Detroit Lodge of Perfection, 1880; M. E. S. P. G. M. Carson Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 1875-83; M. W. P. M. Mt. Olivet Chapter Rose Croix, Detroit, 1887; Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine of the State of Michigan, 1897.

He was a courteous gentleman, with that happy bon-homie disposition which made him the companion, the friend, and pleasant associate of all respectable men, and his friends are countless in number.

He died in Detroit, August 17, 1899.

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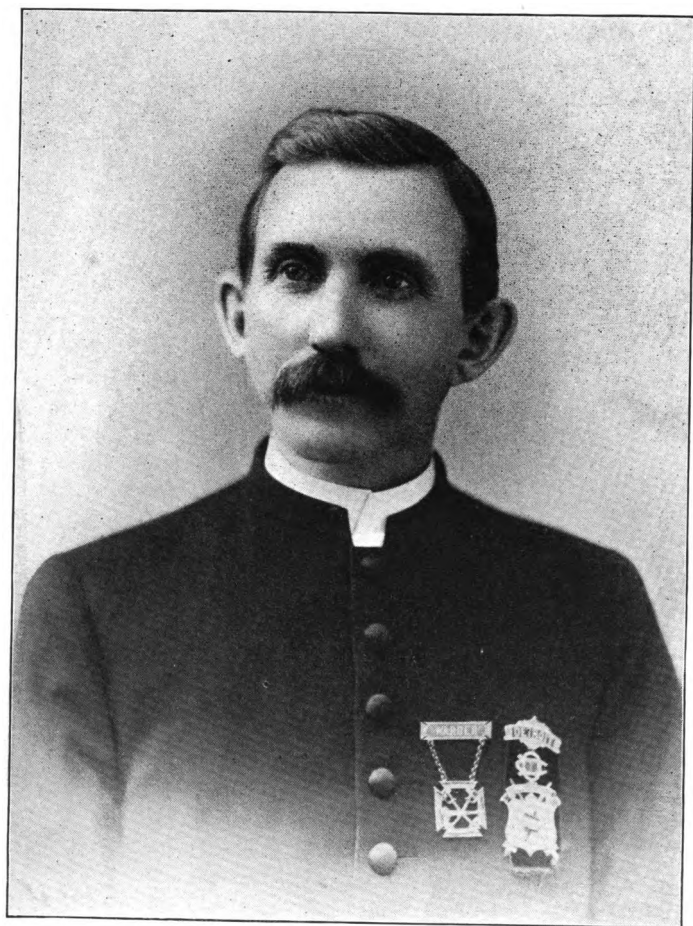
## HORACE EDGAR HATCH.

GRAND MASTER, 1892.

Horace Edgar Hatch was born in Lapeer, State of Michigan, on January 31, 1852. He attended the local schools and laid the foundation for a business education which was to serve him through life.

Companion Hatch was the first one to act in the capacity of newsboy in Lapeer, which was in 1862. He also drove the first dray ever run in Lapeer. He engaged with the hardware firm of White





*HORACE E. HATCH*  
*Grand Master, 1892*



& Brown, October 7, 1873, to black their stoves and made himself generally useful. He remained with them until the firm was changed to S. R. White in 1878, for whom he managed the store for two years; the business was then transferred to Mrs. White's son, E. C., for whom he managed the business two years, at which time he purchased it, continuing the business until 1890, when he removed to Detroit, where he has resided since, and has engaged in the butchers' supplies and scales business.

He was united in marriage October 2, 1879, to Miss Correnna V. Manwaring, and four children were born to them.

The political affiliations of Companion Hatch are Democratic; church affiliation, Presbyterian. Civil offices held at various places, was city collector for two terms in Lapeer and after moving to Detroit served six years as member of jury commission for Wayne County.

The Masonic life of Companion Hatch began when he was initiated into Lapeer Lodge, No. 54, of Lapeer, on June 19, 1873. He was raised to the degree of Master Mason, October 1, 1876, and still retains membership there.

He received the Capitular degrees as follows: Mark, January 8; Past, January 8; Most Excellent, January 12, and Royal Arch, February 26, 1877, in Lapeer Chapter, No. 91, of Lapeer, Michigan. In 1886 he was elected High Priest and served four years. He dimitted February 5, 1894, to become a charter member of King Cyrus Chapter, No. 133, of Detroit.

He received the Cryptic degrees in Lapeer Council, No. 42, of Lapeer, on April 13, 1877. In 1879 he was elected Recorder and served until 1886, when he was elected Thrice Illustrious Master. He still retains his membership in his mother Council.

In 1889 he was elected Grand Steward in the Grand Council of Michigan and steadily advanced till he was made M. I. Grand Master in 1892.

Companion Hatch received the Orders of Knighthood in Detroit Commandery, No. 1, K. T., of Detroit, April 16, 1886, and has held the position of Warden for six years, Junior Warden one year, and Senior Warden one year, Generalissimo, one year, and has always been active in participating in the drill squad, until he was during the last year crippled in his hand, compelling him to retire from that capacity.

He received the various grades in the 32d degree in the Scottish Rite Bodies of Michigan Sovereign Consistory, March 20, 1887. He is a member of Moslem Temple, A. A. O. M. S. Oasis of Detroit.

**FRANK N. CLARK.**

GRAND MASTER, 1893.

Frank N. Clark was born on February 2nd, 1849, in Clarkston, Oakland County, Michigan, and received his rudimentary education in the common schools of his native town. This was followed by an academic course in the same place and afterwards completed at the Agricultural College at Lansing, Michigan. After finishing his collegiate course, he was associated with his father for a time in mercantile pursuits, subsequently for two years with the wholesale and retail dry goods house of N. W. Clark & Co., of Clinton, Iowa.

Upon returning to Michigan, he engaged in raising garden seeds on a large scale for D. M. Ferry & Co., of Detroit, Michigan, and at the same time commenced in an experimental way his life work of fish culture, being associated with his father, the late N. W. Clark, who was the pioneer fish culturist of Michigan.

In 1874 he commenced active work along this line and has made it his study ever since. As a result, Mr. Clark now occupies a most prominent part in the field of fish culture throughout the world, and to him is largely due the high plane to which it has advanced and the prominence it has obtained in this country.

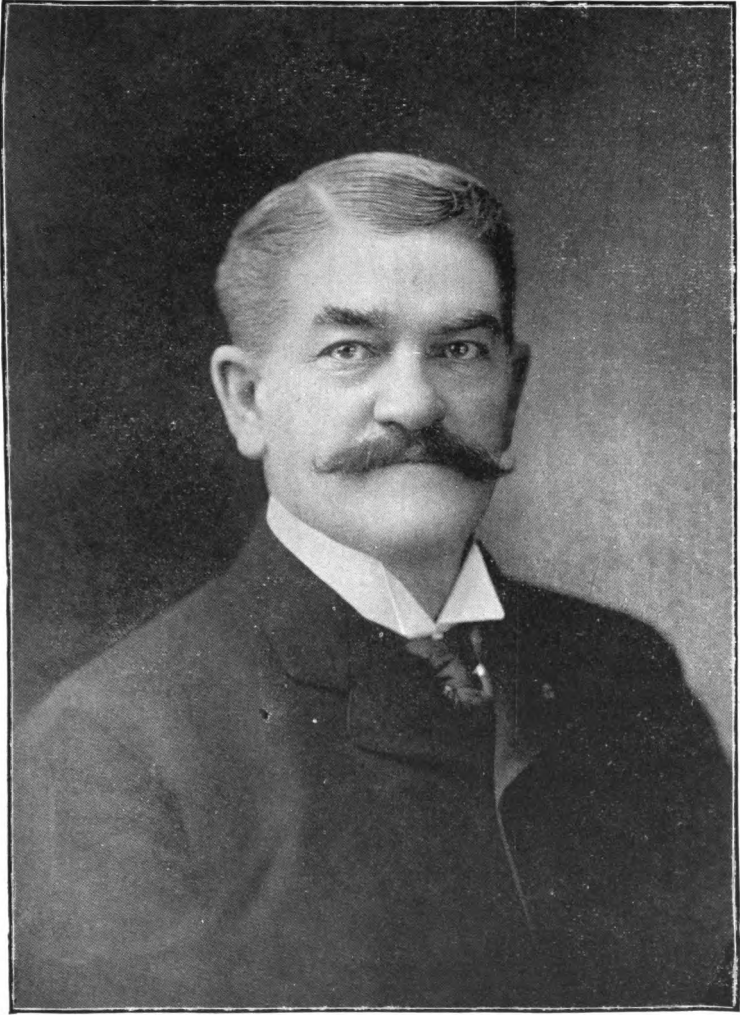
He has not only been faithful in performing the exacting duties of his responsible governmental position, but has so improved the opportunities thus presented as to confer untold benefits upon this and future generations. Hundreds of rivers and lakes whose waters were once unproductive, are now teeming with fish that afford food and occupation to many thousands, and these will meet him in the last great day, saying, "I was hungry and ye gave me meat."

He is at present superintendent of Michigan stations, United States Fish Commission, and is charge of four hatching stations, located at Northville, Detroit, Alpena and Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. He is the inventor of numerous time and labor saving appliances now used in the government works.

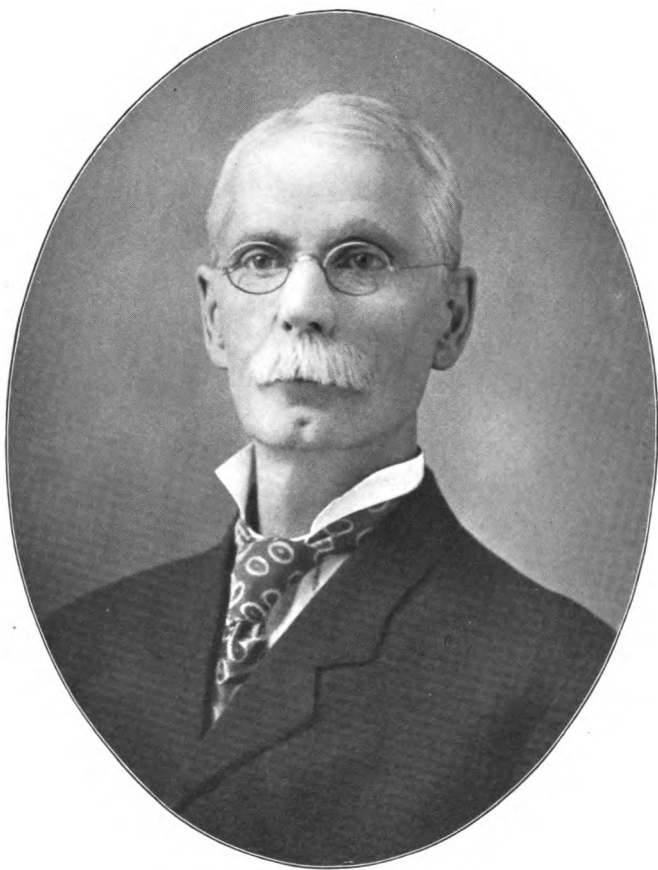
His writings on fish culture have been many and are distributed throughout the world. The practical value of these, both to this and to future generations, is incalculable and yet for all this labor he has never asked nor received any remuneration.

Most Excellent Companion Clark was married December 20, 1871, to Prudence Bower, at Clarkston, Michigan, and resided there until 1874, when he moved to Northville, Michigan, his present home.

He was one of the organizers of the Northville State Savings Bank, and on the board of directors until he resigned. He was one of the first water commissioners of Northville and had much to do with inaugurating the splendid water system that village now enjoys.



*FRANK N. CLARK*  
*Grand Master, 1893*



*EMERSON M. NEWELL*  
*Grand Master, 1894*

He was also an efficient member of the Northville school board, and has been a member of the Presbyterian Church for many years.

His interest in Masonry dates from 1880, when he received his Master degree in Northville Lodge, No. 186, F. & A. M. He was elected Junior Warden the next year, then Senior Warden, and in 1883, Worshipful Master. This office he held for two years and was re-elected Worshipful Master in 1892. He received his Capitular degrees in Union Chapter, No. 55, Royal Arch Masons, at Northville, Michigan, in 1881, and held same office continuously until 1891, when he was elected E. High Priest, serving two years.

His advent into office in the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons was his election to that of Grand Master of the First Veil, at Detroit, Michigan, in January, 1892. From that time his Companions honored him from year to year until in January, 1899, he was elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest and presided over the Grand Chapter for that year.

He received the Royal and Select Master degrees in Northville Council, No. 30, December, 1882, and in 1889 became Thrice Illustrious Master. His first step in the Grand bodies of Michigan was his election, in 1890, at Grand Rapids, Michigan, to the office of Grand Conductor of the Council of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan, from which he was advanced from year to year until 1893, at Detroit, Michigan, he was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master. He has served on the important committees since that time, being now engaged on the Committee for revision of the Constitution.

His commandery orders were taken in Pontiac Commandery, No. 2, and he was Knighted in 1885, and in 1886, the Sir Knights of Northville having been granted a dispensation to open a Commandery at that point, he was appointed Excellent Prelate and filled that office until 1890, when he was elected Eminent Commander. To this office he has been elected three different times.

In 1893, he received the Consistory degrees to and including the thirty-second, in Michigan Sovereign Consistory, Detroit, Michigan, and traveled the hot sands of the desert the evening following, becoming a member of Moslem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

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### EMERSON M. NEWELL.

GRAND MASTER, 1894.

Emerson M. Newell was born on a farm in Genesee County, Michigan, May 3rd, 1850, where for a period of seventeen years he performed the duties which usually fall to the lot of the son of a

prosperous farmer. In 1867 he moved with his parents to Holly, Oakland County, Michigan, and in December, 1870, entered the employ of the First National Bank of Holly; in 1880 was appointed its cashier, which position he filled until its charter expired in 1890. At this time the bank was reorganized under the name of the First State and Savings Bank, and he was appointed its cashier and continued in this position until his resignation, which took place September 30, 1898. On October 1st, 1898, he accepted the position of cashier of the Commercial Savings Bank of Fenton, Michigan, and also became one of its directors, which position he still holds.

He was made a Mason in Holly Lodge, No. 134, F. & A. M., December 7, 1883; a Royal Arch Mason in Holly Chapter, No. 80, R. A. M., July 2, 1884; a Royal and Select Master in Holly Council, No. 39, September 17, 1884; a Knight Templar in Fenton Commandery, No. 14, K. T., in 1885. He received the sublime degrees of the Scottish Rite, in Michigan Sovereign Consistory, Detroit, December, 1889. Was made a noble of Moslem Temple, N. M. S., Detroit, December, 1889.

The following offices he has held: Junior and Senior Warden, Holly Lodge, No. 134; High Priest of Holly Chapter, No. 80; Thrice Illustrious Master of Holly Council, No. 39, Royal and Select Masters.

In 1891 he was elected Grand Chaplain of the Guard and steadily advanced until he was elected M. I. Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan for the year 1894. This same year the office of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan was declared vacant and he was appointed to fill the vacancy by Grand High Priest James H. Cummins. At the following annual convocation of the Grand Chapter he was elected and installed Grand Treasurer, which office he still holds.

His home life has been most pleasant. He was married December 7th, 1891, to Miss Jennie M. Badger, who has for a number of years been Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Michigan, and greatly admired by all her acquaintances.

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### GEORGE A. CROSS.

GRAND MASTER, 1895.

Companion Cross was born in Georgetown, Madison County, N. Y., December 11, 1840. His parents moved to Van Buren County, Michigan, in 1844, and located in what at that period was practically a vast wilderness and where now stands the thriving village of





*GEORGE A. CROSS*  
*Grand Master, 1895*



Bangor. In 1853 the family again moved to the village of Paw Paw, where at the age of thirteen he had his first school privileges. In 1855 his parents moved into the wilderness, again locating at the place where the village of Hartford now stands, where his father erected a saw mill on the Paw Paw river. In the spring of 1857 they located on a farm one and one-half miles east of the village of Lawrence, and here again he had the opportunity of attending the district school.

In 1861 he enlisted in Company C, of the 3rd Michigan Cavalry and his first experience in the line of being a brave soldier for Uncle Sam was a severe attack of measles, and later he met with another of the enemies of the soldier, smallpox. He reported for duty about the first of March, 1862, at the fortifications of New Madrid and Island No. 10, and participated in one of the peculiar incidents in warfare, which was the charge of a cavalry regiment upon a gun boat, which they succeeded in capturing. He served continually until the regiment was mustered out at San Antonio, Texas, in 1866, a continued service of over four years in active service, passing through the hardships and being on duty or ready for duty every day, yes, every hour, be it day or night, during the entire four years. The company, while with the regiment or on detached service, engaged in over one hundred battles and skirmishes.

Upon his return he engaged in the mercantile business in Lawrence and in 1868 erected a large and commodious building. In the fall of 1881 it was burned to the ground involving a total loss. In 1870, under Grant's administration, he was appointed postmaster which position he held for fourteen years until Cleveland's administration. In 1880 he was United States census enumerator and has served as village director, school trustee, assessor, township clerk, township treasurer, etc.

Soon after the loss of his store property by fire his home together with its contents was consumed by the fire elements, his wife and son barely escaping with their lives, his wife sustaining a broken arm. These misfortunes coming so swiftly practically put him out of business in the village of Lawrence, although he has continued to reside there. For the past eighteen years he has been a traveling advertising solicitor and has done business in that capacity in eighteen different states.

He claims to have done his share with others in bringing the several Masonic organizations in Lawrence up to their standard of proficiency. His special endeavors, however, have been in the interest of the Council degrees and he enjoys the satisfaction of the belief that Lawrence Council, No. 43, stands equal to any in this Grand Jurisdiction in the earnest enthusiasm exhibited by its members.

He was made a Master Mason in Rising Sun Lodge, No. 119, at Lawrence, Michigan, in 1870. Exalted to the Royal Arch in Lawrence Chapter, No. 95, May 14, 1875, and received the Order of Knight Templar in Peninsular Commandery, No. 8, Kalamazoo, in 1892. Joined Saladin Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Grand Rapids, in 1894, and became a member of the Order of Eastern Star of Lawrence Chapter, No. 256, in 1899.

He was elected Grand Conductor in the Grand Council in 1891, and successively passed the chairs until elected M. I. Grand Master in 1895.

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### GEORGE P. McMAHON.

GRAND MASTER, 1896.

George P. McMahon is a native of "Fair Michigan" and was born at Manchester, April 10, 1856. His people were tillers of the soil and his youthful days were spent on the farm and attending the district school, when in session. After finishing the preparatory work he entered Manchester High School. After graduating from there he removed to Ludington, where he entered the law office of his brother, Judge James B. McMahon, who was practicing there at that time. He spent two years there reading law and then in 1879 entered the domain of insurance and for thirteen years conducted a local fire insurance agency. In 1893 he was appointed state agent of the Michigan Fire and Marine Insurance Company, and was located with headquarters in Grand Rapids. He removed to Detroit in 1896, where he has since resided.

For twelve years he traveled for the Michigan Fire and Marine Insurance Company in Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee. On account of failing health he gave up field work in December, 1904, and has since been located in the home office of the company in Detroit. In 1903 he was elected president of the Michigan Fire Underwriters' Field Club.

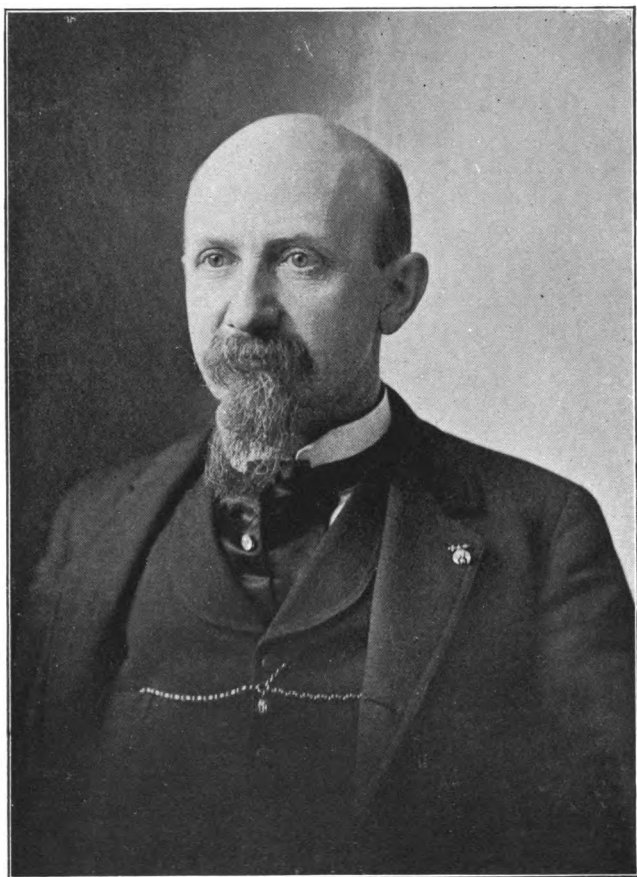
Companion McMahon was married October 14, 1893, to Miss Charlie M. Hutchins of Ludington, and five children have been born to them.

The Masonic history of Companion McMahon is as follows: He was made a Master Mason in Pere Marquette Lodge, No. 299, at Ludington, October 7, 1881. He received the degrees of Capitular Masonry in Ludington Chapter, No. 92, at Ludington; the Mark Master, April 17, Past and Most Excellent Master, May 1, and the Royal Arch, May 15, 1882.

The Cryptic degrees were conferred on him January 14, 1891, in Ludington Council, No. 48. While representing his Council as



*GEORGE P. McMAHON*  
*Grand Master, 1896*



*LOYD B. HESS*  
*Grand Master, 1897*

proxy for the Thrice Illustrious Master he was elected Grand Steward in the Grand Council of Michigan, and steadily advanced until called to the Grand East as Most Illustrious Grand Master in 1896. He has for several years served as Grand Representative of Ontario, near Michigan.

He was dubbed and created a Knight Templar in Apollo Commandery, No. 31, at Ludington, October 24, 1883. He crossed the hot sands of the desert and joined the forces of Saladin Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Grand Rapids, February 21, 1896.

Companion McMahon served for a term as Trustee of the Michigan Masonic Home at Grand Rapids. He is a member of the Michigan Knights of the Grip. His church affiliations are as a member of Brewster Congregational Church of Detroit.

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### LOYD B. HESS.

GRAND MASTER, 1897.

Companion Loyd B. Hess was born in Bloomburg, Pennsylvania, November 4, 1850, and came to Michigan in early life. In 1878 he was married to Miss Bell Hart, of Three Rivers, which union was blessed with three sons.

For a number of years he was cashier of the First National Bank at Centreville, and in 1894 he removed to Grand Rapids and was engaged in the insurance business, in which he continued to the time of his death.

His Masonic record is as follows: He was made a Master Mason in Three Rivers Lodge, No. 57, August 13, 1872; was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Salathiel Chapter, No. 23, Three Rivers, May 23, 1873, and was High Priest of that Chapter in 1893 and 1894. Was made a Royal and Select Master in Nebuzaradan Council, No. 37, at Three Rivers, December 3, 1883, and was its Thrice Illustrious Master during 1891 and 1892. He was Knighted in Three Rivers Commandery, No. 29, January 7, 1874, and was Eminent Commander in 1884.

In 1892 he was elected Grand Steward of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan, from which station he was advanced year by year, until in 1897 he was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master.

He was a most genial and warm-hearted man and had a pleasant greeting for all.

He died at his home in the city of Grand Rapids on the tenth day of June, 1901, and his burial was at Three Rivers, the services being conducted by the Commandery of which he was a member.

**CHARLES M. NORTON.**

GRAND MASTER, 1898.

GRAND TREASURER, 1899 TO —.

Charles M. Norton was born October 30, 1847, in Depauville, Jefferson County, New York. His parents were Helon and Nancy (Richardson) Norton, and with them he removed to Maumee, Ohio, in 1854. Ten years later, January 2, 1864, he enlisted in Battery H, First Ohio Light Infantry, and served until the end of the war.

He started to learn the hardware and tinware business at Perrysburg, Ohio, in 1865, and he seems to have had a strong liking for his first love as he still sells nails and milk pans.

November 26, 1868, he was united in marriage to Sarah C. Merry, of Perrysburg, and two sons, Earl M. and Bert R., were born to them. Later he removed to Michigan and resided in Leslie and Ypsilanti, and in 1891 he removed to Lansing, which is his present home.

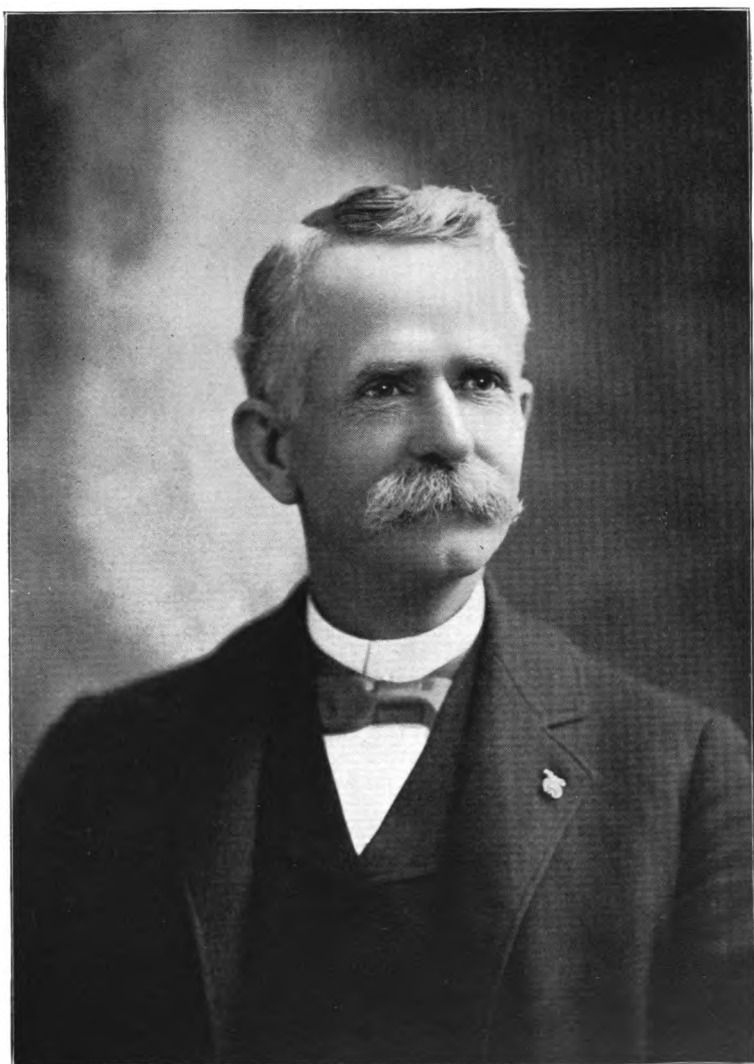
He received the Symbolic degrees in Phoenix Lodge, No. 123, at Perrysburg, Ohio, in 1869; was exalted a Royal Arch Mason, May 23, 1884, in Leslie Chapter, No. 100, at Leslie, Michigan. He passed the Circle of Perfection in the Cryptic Rite in Leslie Council, No. 50, at Leslie, December 11, 1884, and was dubbed a Knight Templar in Jackson Commandery, No. 9, K. T., September 23, 1885, at Jackson, Michigan. He was made a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, June 30, 1887, in Michigan Sovereign Consistory at Detroit, and is one of the "Old Guard." He was made a member of Moslem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., June 30, 1887.

In 1891 Companion Norton was elected Grand Master of the First Veil in the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan and was steadily advanced until in 1898 he was elected to preside over the Royal Craft.

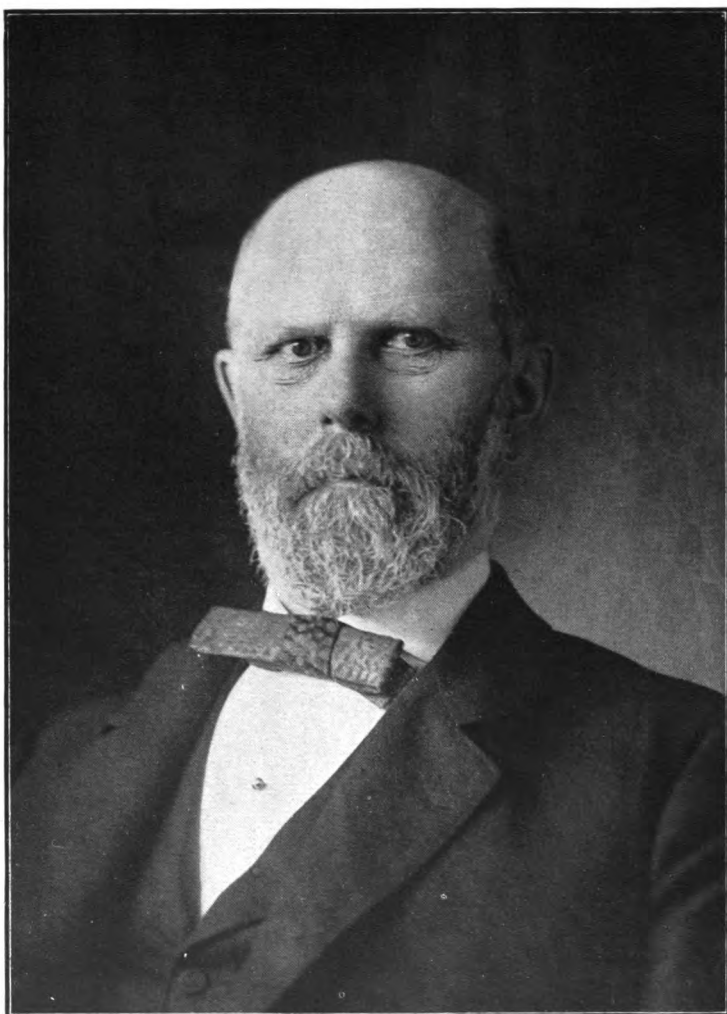
In 1894 he was first elected to the official grade of Grand Conductor of the Council in Grand Council and in 1898 he was elected Grand Master, thus enjoying the distinguished and unusual honor of presiding over two Grand Bodies of Masonry the same year. June 27, 1899, after the death of George H. Greene, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council, Companion Norton was appointed to fill the vacancy and has been continuously re-elected to that position of trust and responsibility each year.

Companion Norton has a wide acquaintance throughout the state and his friendship is highly prized by all who know him. When not busy hustling stoves or jack knives he may be found in a quiet nook patiently endeavoring to lure a member of the finny tribe from its native element.





*CHARLES M. NORTON*  
*Grand Master, 1898*



*GEORGE D. SMITH*  
*Grand Master, 1899*

**GEORGE D. SMITH.**

GRAND MASTER, 1899.

George Dudley Smith was born in New Marlboro, Massachusetts, June 27, 1838. After living a short time in Ohio and Pennsylvania, in 1844 with his parents he removed to Allegan, Michigan, which was his home for twenty-eight years. Leaving school at the age of seventeen he was employed as clerk in a mercantile establishment in Allegan, where he remained for thirteen years. Desiring a change of employment he was engaged by a railway contractor as book-keeper and pay-master for several years.

He was married December 15, 1864, to Helen A. Weeks, of Hudson, Ohio, and they have been blessed with two sons, Leigh B., aged forty-two, and Frank D., aged forty-one years.

He held the office of clerk in 1870 and office of treasurer in 1871 of the village of Allegan, also township treasurer at the same time.

In 1872 he removed to the city of Muskegon and entered the office of the Muskegon Booming Company and was their acting treasurer and secretary for nearly ten years. He then engaged in the lumber business for twelve years, and at the present time is in a mercantile business, handing out the choicest china and dainty household articles, which delight the eye of the mistress of the home.

The Masonic record of Companion Smith is as follows: He was initiated November 2, and raised to the degree of Master Mason, December 27, 1859, in Allegan Lodge, No. 111, at Allegan. Was Worshipful Master for three years, after which he affiliated with Lovell Moore Lodge, No. 182, at Muskegon, where he was Master for two years.

He was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch September 27, 1863, in Kalamazoo Chapter, No. 13. He dimitted April 16, 1867, and became a charter member of Eureka Chapter, No. 50, at Allegan, and was High Priest in 1871 and 1872. He affiliated with Muskegon Chapter, No. 47, February 18, 1875, and served two years more as High Priest, and received the Order of High Priesthood January 4, 1872.

He was made a Royal and Select Master in Muskegon Council, No. 54, November 13, 1885, and was Thrice Illustrious Master for ten years. In 1894 he was elected Grand Steward in the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Michigan, and was steadily advanced until in 1899 he was called to be the ruler of the Craft as M. I. Grand Master.

He was dubbed a Knight Templar in Peninsular Commandery, No. 8, K. T., at Kalamazoo, on May 8, 1888, and affiliated with

Muskegon Commandery, No. 22, in 1874. He served as Eminent Commander of the latter for three years.

He is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine and a member of Saladin Temple of Grand Rapids arriving at the end of his difficult journey, May 22, 1889.

Companion Smith received the grades of the Scottish Rite in DeWitt Clinton Consistory at Grand Rapids, April 4, 1887, and was Commander in Chief in 1894, 1895 and 1896. He was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33d degree, in Boston, September 18, 1894.

As a man and a Mason Companion Smith is held in highest esteem by all who have the honor of his acquaintance.

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## RICHARD A. CATTON.

GRAND MASTER, 1900.

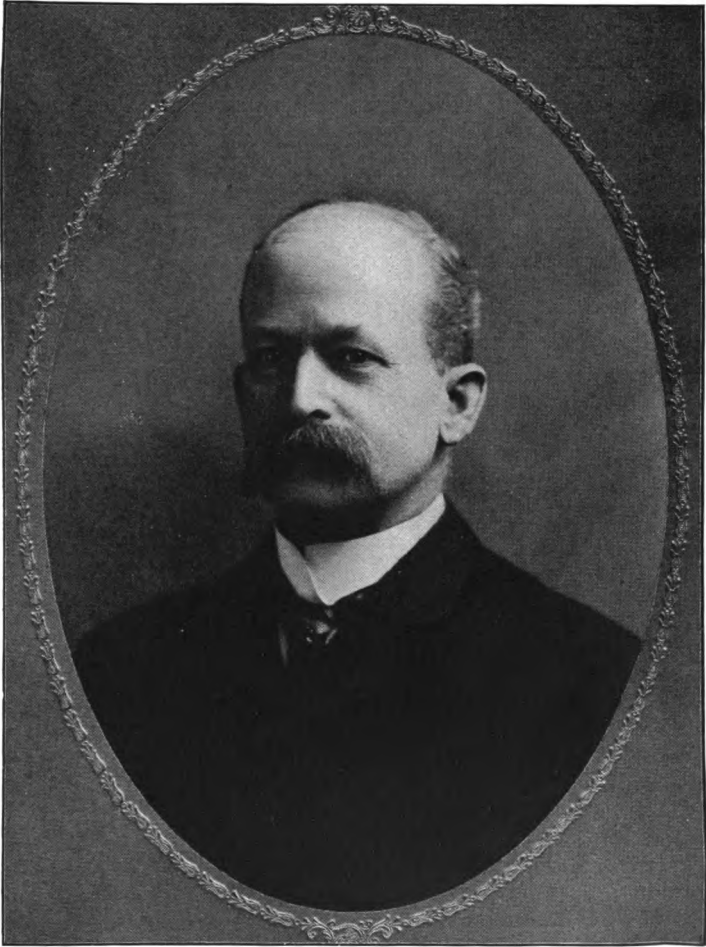
Richard A. Catton was born in the city of Detroit in 1848. For thirty years he served in the capacity of cashier of the American Express Company in Detroit. Following this for a number of years he was with the Shedden Cartage Company. At the time of his death he was in the employ of John Naylon and Company, Wholesale Saddlery Dealers.

Companion Catton was a prominent member and fifteen years Secretary of the Royal Arcanum.

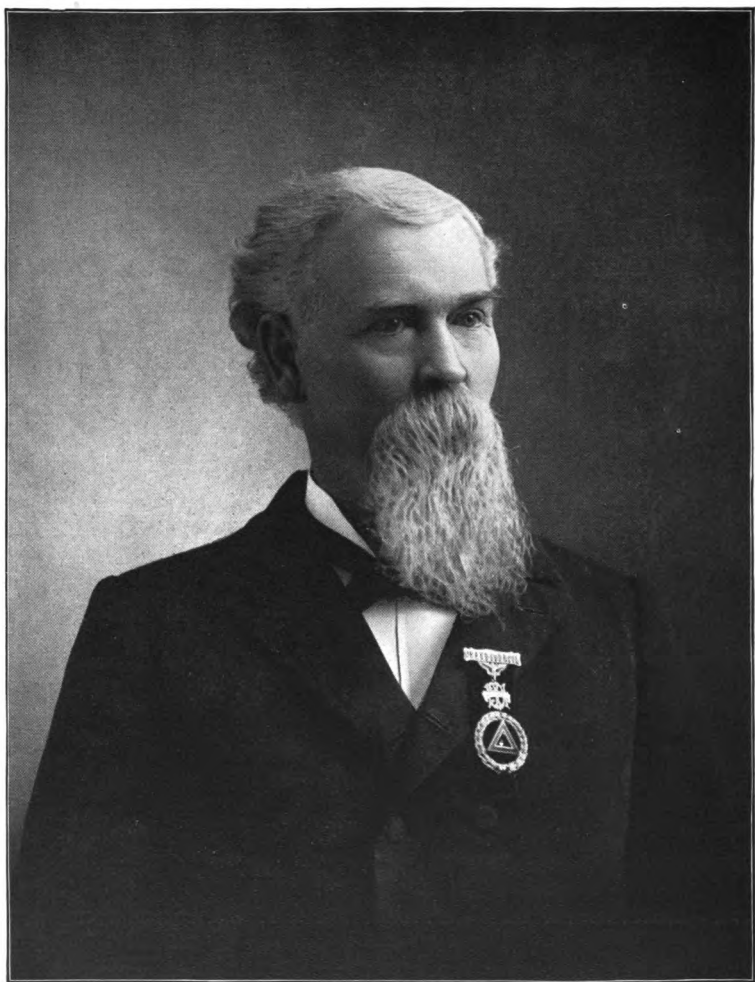
Companion Catton was made a Mason in Kilwinning Lodge No. 297 and served as Worshipful Master of that body. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Peninsular Chapter No. 16, May 24, 1882.

He received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Monroe Council No. 1, on November 19, 1883. In 1893 he was elected to preside over this Council as Thrice Illustrious Master and served one year. In 1895 he was elected Grand Steward in the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Michigan and was steadily advanced until he occupied the exalted station of Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Craft and presided at the annual assembly in 1901.

He greatly endeared himself to his Companions. He had but a short time to enjoy his well earned honors for on the ninth day of January 1903, just before the annual assembly he was stricken down with pneumonia and died in a few days while in the prime of life and usefulness. A son and two daughters survived him. He was buried with full Masonic honors by Kilwinning Lodge in Elmwood Cemetery.



*RICHARD A. CATTON,  
Grand Master, 1900*



*Thomas G. Smith*

*Grand Master, 1901*

**ITHAMER T. SMITH.**

GRAND MASTER, 1901.

Ithamer T. Smith was born October 4, 1842, at Rochester, New York, on a farm pre-empted by his grandfather, Ebenezer Titus, who served in the Revolutionary War, under his father by the same name, from Ware, Massachusetts. His parents moved to Toledo in 1859, and in the fall of 1860 he entered the Herald and Times printing office, on Monroe street, as an apprentice. In the spring of 1861, upon the firing of the Confederates on Fort Sumter, his editor, the late General James B. Steedman, a Democratic politician, espoused the cause of the Union, and held a mammoth war meeting under the shed of the old Island House Depot, and called for volunteers. Companion Smith, with six others from the Herald office, enlisted there for three months, and in June the fourteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with James B. Steedman as its colonel, went to West Virginia, where they participated in the battles of Phillippi, Laurel Hill, Cheat River and Garrick Ford, where the Confederate General, Garnett, was killed.

The regiment returned to Toledo and re-enlisted, almost to a man, Companion Smith with them, and served in the army of the Cumberland until the close of the war. On his return from the war he went on the Lake Shore railroad as passenger brakeman, and meanwhile learned telegraphy, taking Knight's Station (now Riga) office, on September 1st, 1865, working for this company as telegraph operator or freight agent ever since.

On June 6th, 1881, he was appointed ticket agent and operator at Hudson, Mich., which was his home for nearly twenty-five years. He was one of the most popular and obliging agents on the road but continually increasing deafness caused his transfer to the General Freight office of the Lake Shore at Toledo, where he is comfortably situated in pleasant work, a well earned reward for a faithful and long time employe, and no complaint is heard from Companion Smith about the "soulless corporation."

Companion Smith was united in marriage at Ligonier, Indiana, to Miss Melisa Carr, on December 23, 1866, and six children were born to them, two sons and two daughters are now living. The eldest daughter died in 1904, leaving two daughters. Soon after their removal to Toledo, on Christmas day, 1906, the dearly beloved wife and companion of forty years was suddenly called to the higher life, leaving him and the three children to mourn for a loving wife and mother. At this writing Companion Smith is residing in East Toledo with a sister.

Ithamer T. Smith was made a Mason in Perseverance Lodge, No. 29, at Sandusky, Ohio, while he was agent at Venice. He was

initiated an Entered Apprentice November 12, 1878, passed a Fellowcraft, January 28, 1879, and raised a Master Mason, March 25, 1879. He dimitted January 17, 1880, to join Toledo Lodge No. 144 in March, and in September 1881 dimitted from there and affiliated with Lebanon Lodge No. 29 of Hudson. He served as Master of his Lodge for several years.

He received the Chapter degrees in Phoenix Chapter, No. 99, at Hudson, as follows: Mark and Past Master, January 29, 1886; Most Excellent and Royal Arch, February 11, 1886. He was elected High Priest in 1894 and served one year.

He received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Hudson Council No. 16, and was elected Thrice Illustrious Master in 1893, serving two years. In 1896 he attended Grand Council for the purpose of getting the name of his Council changed to Putnam Council in honor of the memory of his old friend and associate Past M. I. Grand Master, Charles H. Putnam. He accomplished his object and also received the honor of election to the office of Grand Steward from which position he was steadily advanced until in 1901, he was elected to rule over the Cryptic Craft as Grand Master.

For years his name has been recorded as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Connecticut, the mother of the Grand Council of Michigan.

Companion Smith is a kind, genial and warmhearted man and one whose friendship is worthy to be sought.

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## BYRON C. HILL.

GRAND MASTER, 1902.

Companion Hill was born in Albion, Orleans county, New York, January 6th, 1851. When he first came to Michigan Companion Hill resided in Manchester, where he and Miss Elizabeth Dickerson were united in marriage. They removed to Jackson about 1887 and for a time he was with Graver Bros. Three years later he joined business relations with his brother, and Hill Bros. did a flourishing business. April 6th, 1903, Mrs. Hill died. Two children survived, Eugene A. Hill, of Waphton, N. D., and Mrs. Charles Little of Port Huron.

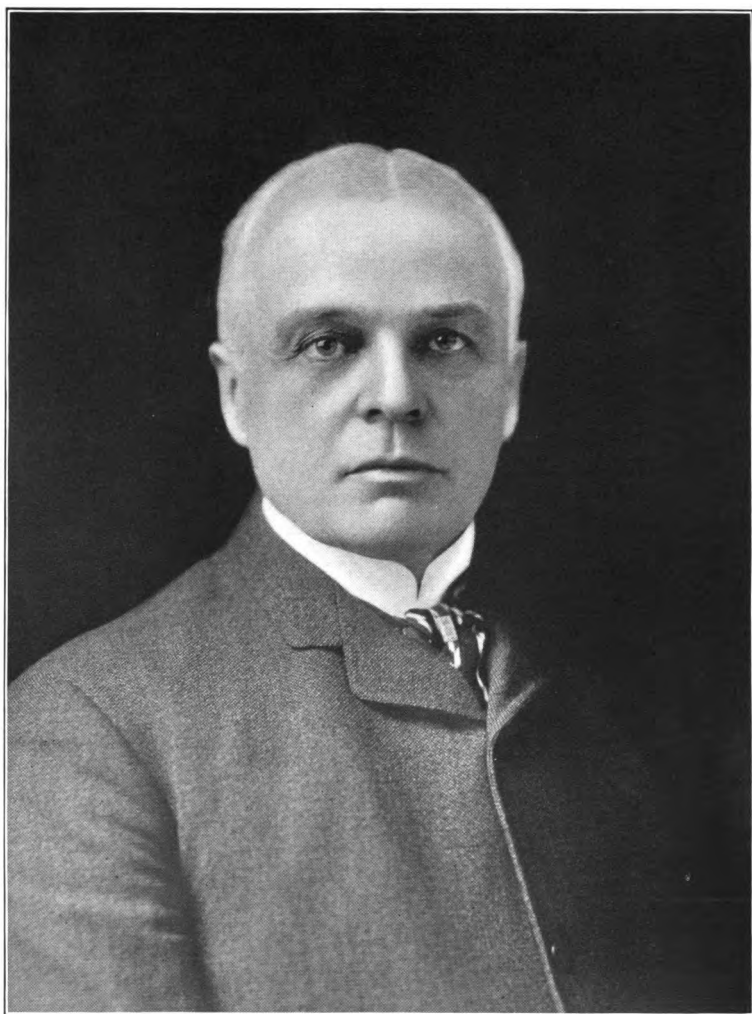
Companion Hill was active in Masonic work and held many positions of honor. He was made a Mason in Manchester Lodge, No. 148, being initiated May 13, passed June 10, and raised July 8, 1878. He held the office of Senior Warden from 1883 to 1885, dimitting April 20, 1891. After removing to Jackson he affiliated





*BYRON C. HILL*

*Grand Master, 1902*



*JOHN H. KINGSLEY*  
*Grand Master, 1903*

with Michigan Lodge, No. 50, June 3, 1891. He held the office of Senior Deacon at the time of his death.

He was exalted in Meridan Chapter, No. 48, at Manchester, January 23, 1886, affiliating with Jackson Chapter, No. 3, on January 4, 1894, and serving as High Priest in 1901. At the time of his death he was serving on his second term as member on the Board of Control of Michigan Masonic Home from the Grand Chapter.

He received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Jackson Council, No. 32, on October 9, 1891, and served as Thrice Illustrious Master for two years, 1896-7. In 1898 Companion Hill was elected to the office of Grand Steward in the Grand Council and steadily climbed the round of office until he was rewarded with the proud title of Most Illustrious Grand Master, in 1902.

He was Knighted a member of Jackson Commandery No. 9 K. T. and was elected its Eminent Commander in 1902.

He died at White Cross Sanitarium in the city of Jackson, Michigan, April 15, 1905.

His funeral was held in the Haven M. E. church, Tuesday, April 18, and a long and solemn procession escorted by Jackson Commandery, No. 9, K. T., accompanied his remains to Mt. Evergreen Cemetery where they were lowered to their last resting place amongst a wealth of flowers, the emblem of love of mourning friends. The impressive Masonic burial service was conducted by the officers of Michigan Lodge, No. 50, F. & A. M., the Grand and Past Grand officers of Grand Council attending as sincere mourners.

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## JOHN HAMPDEN KINGSLEY.

GRAND MASTER, 1903.

John Hampden Kingsley was born April 25, 1854, on a farm in Sharon, Washtenaw county, Michigan. His father, Charles Kingsley, came from Connecticut and was of English descent. His mother, Jane Wilson, came from England when thirteen years of age.

Companion Kingsley received a common school education in the local schools and has since been a student at that great institution of learning, the every day active business life of the world. He early evinced a high regard for Masonry and became a Master Mason soon after reaching his majority. He has served the fraternity of his home town in official capacities as Worshipful Master of Manchester Lodge, No. 148, F. & A. M., High Priest of Meridan Chapter No. 48, R. A. M., and T. I. Master of Adoniram Council No. 24, R. & S. M. He is a member of Ann Arbor Commandery No. 13, Knights Templar, located at Ann Arbor.

January 20, 1903, he was elected to the exalted station of Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council R. & S. M. of Michigan, after successively passing the several stations in line, and presided over one of the largest attended and most interesting assemblies the Grand Council ever held.

He is now a member of the important Committee entrusted with the revision of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Council.

In 1895, Companion Kingsley was elected Grand Master of the First Veil in the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Michigan and has been steadily advanced step by step and now holds the station of E. Grand Principal Sojourner. Thus he has started upon a journey which in all probabilities will bring him to the exalted station of Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

He is engaged in the milling and manufacturing business and until recently owned and operated the electric lighting plant in Manchester. The village has now purchased the plant. He is also interested in the business of banking.

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### DALLAS DOW ALTON.

GRAND MASTER, 1904.

Dallas Dow Alton was born in the village of Fremont, Michigan on March 15, 1869, which place has been his home ever since, except for a few years spent in Pentwater and Bronson. He was given a high school education and very early in life started on a business career. At the age of ten he began selling newspapers, while at the same time carrying on his school work, and has been continually busy ever since. After completing his schooling he studied the profession of pharmacy and continued in that occupation until obliged to temporarily retire on account of poor health.

He emerged into civic life at the age of eighteen, when he was appointed a messenger in the Michigan Senate of 1887. He has since served two years as trustee of his native village, as well as filling the same position for three years in the village of Pentwater, followed by two years as president. He was also justice of the peace of Pentwater township. In response to inquiries as to his personal peculiarities and political preferences he states that his "hair is red and he voted for Teddy."

His Masonic life began when he was made a Mason in Pilgrim Lodge, No. 180, F. & A. M., at Fremont, being initiated July 27, 1895. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Fremont Chapter, No. 131, February 24, 1896, and served as Captain of the Host two



*DALLAS D. ALTON*

*M. I. Grand Master, 1904*



*BAYARD A. CHURCH*  
*Grand Master, 1905*

years and High Priest one year. He passed the Circle of Perfection in Oceana Council, No. 27, at Pentwater, July 23, 1897, and was Thrice Illustrious Master for three and one-half years. He received the Orders of Knighthood in Apollo Commandery, No. 22, K. T., at Ludington, and is a member of Saladin Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Oasis of Grand Rapids.

In 1899 Companion Alton started in the line in Grand Council as Grand Steward. By successive steps he reached the top round of honor in the Order and retired with the love and esteem of all his Companions.

Companion Alton was married September 22nd, 1890, to Sadie E. Baker, and two children have been born to them to brighten their household and be a comfort in old age.

He now resides in Fremont to which place he has recently returned after conducting a successful and growing drug store in Bronson for about two years.

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### BAYARD A. CHURCH.

GRAND MASTER, 1905.

Bayard A. Church was born on a farm in Naples, Maine, Nov. 10, 1865. He removed with his parents to Elsie, Mich., in 1873, again changing location to St. Louis, Mich., in 1876, where he has since resided. He graduated from the high school in 1884, and has devoted most of his energy to the banking business, being the present cashier of the Gratiot County State Bank, the oldest banking house in his county, and a partner in the Bank of Riverdale, at Riverdale, Mich. Companion Church has always been ready to assist all enterprises promising to be of material assistance in up-building his city and community, and was instrumental in organizing the St. Louis Sugar Co., which is the largest business enterprise of the city.

He is a member of the Baptist Church. He was married to Carrie M. Thedgar, March 10, 1891, and two sons have been born to them.

Companion Church early showed his appreciation of the philosophy of our fraternity by joining St. Louis Lodge, No. 188, F. & A. M., in 1888, and was its Master in 1894. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason, Oct. 30, 1893, in St. Louis Chapter, No. 87, R. A. M., and was High Priest in 1902. He was a charter member and Thrice Illustrious Master under dispensation of St. Louis Council, No. 68, R. & S. M., when it was organized, and its first Master when chartered in 1898. In 1900, when the net gain in membership in the Grand Council was only 66, his Council furnished 47 new Compan-

ions and he was elected Grand Steward, presiding as Grand Master in 1906. He is a member of, and in 1900 was Eminent Commander of, Ithaca Commandery, No. 40, K. T., of Ithaca, Mich.

Companion Church is a member of Michigan Sovereign Consistory of Detroit, in which he received the 32d degree in Scottish Rite Masonry; a member of Saladin Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Oasis of Grand Rapids, and Past Worthy Patron of St. Louis Chapter, No. 144, Order of the Eastern Star.

The political affiliations of Companion Church are Republican, and he has been assistant postmaster of his home city.

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### ARTHUR H. McCLOUD.

GRAND MASTER, 1906.

Arthur Hamilton McCloud was born in Tecumseh, Michigan, on January 14, 1863. While a child his parents removed to Toledo, Ohio.

In 1880 the family came to Detroit, Michigan, residing there ever since. Companion McCloud attended the primary schools of Toledo. On coming to Detroit he entered the high school, then standing on the site of the old state capitol, graduating in 1882.

On leaving school he entered the employ of Andrew J. Brow, dealer in art goods, remaining there five years. In 1887, he joined his father, the firm transacting a general real estate and insurance business. In 1898 he became associated with the Home Life Insurance Company, as a special agent, in which capacity he is still engaged.

Companion McCloud was raised in the Baptist faith and became a member of the Woodward Avenue Baptist Church. He has always been an active Republican, never, however, holding public office.

In April, 1884, Companion McCloud married Annie L. Morgan, and a daughter and son have been born to them.

Early in life Companion McCloud became imbued with a desire for Masonic knowledge and on March 15th, 1887, was raised to the degree of a Master Mason in Oriental Lodge, No. 240, and became its Worshipful Master in 1893.

February 15th, 1893, he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Peninsular Chapter, No. 16. Companion McCloud with several others, was instrumental in forming King Cyrus Chapter, No. 133, which Chapter received its charter in 1894. Companion McCloud becoming its third High Priest in 1896.

He passed the Circle of Perfection in Monroe Council, No. 1, on March 25, 1895, and was elected Deputy Master in 1902. Com-





*ARTHUR H. McCLOUD*  
*Grand Master, 1906*



panion Bates, T. I. M., removing to Seattle two weeks after election, Companion McCloud served as Thrice Illustrious Master during that year, and in 1903 was elected Thrice Illustrious Master.

In 1903 he was elected Grand Conductor of the Council of the Grand Council R. & S. M., of Michigan and has been successfully advanced until in 1906 he was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master. During his administration the Grand Council made larger gains than at any time in its history. Companion McCloud is thoroughly imbued with the beauties and importance of the Cryptic degrees and his heart is always in the work.

At the annual assembly in 1907 he was elected to the responsible position of Grand Lecturer of Grand Council.

In the March class 1893 he became a member of Michigan Sovereign Consistory A. A. S. R., and a member of Moslem Temple, Mystic Shrine, March 17th of that year. At the annual meeting of the Supreme Council A. A. S. Rite, held in Boston, September 17, 1907, Companion McCloud was elected to receive the 33d and last degree in Masonry.

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## FRANK O. GILBERT.

GRAND MASTER, 1907.

(For portrait, see frontispiece.)

The subject of this sketch was a native of Canada, being born in Norfolk, Ontario, on September 4, 1854. His parents were farmers and he remained on the farm until he was eighteen years old when he removed to Bay City where he has since resided. He became interested in the science and took up the study of Dentistry, graduating from the Dental Department of the University of Michigan in 1880, and established himself in the practice of his chosen profession in his home city, where he continued until failing health a few years ago caused him to discontinue his practice.

He was married in 1884 to Miss Carrie Van Campen who died three years later leaving him one son, now a student at the Michigan university. His political affiliations have been with the Republican party.

The Masonic life of Companion Gilbert has been a particularly brilliant one, and he has enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his associates in that Grand Body of men, and few have been honored as he has at the hands of his brothers. His Masonic record opened when he was initiated into the mysteries of Masonry in Bay City Lodge, No. 129, F. & A. M., and he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on May 18th, 1882. He was elected and

served as Worshipful Master of his lodge in 1887, 1888 and 1893. In the semi-centennial year of the history of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan, Companion Gilbert was elected Grand Marshal and thus started on a pilgrimage whose ultimate goal was the chair of the Grand Master of all Masons of the State of Michigan. He reached this goal in 1901 where in the city of Detroit he was elected to that most exalted station and presided over the Craft for one year.

In 1907 at the Grand Lodge meeting in Bay City, he was elected to the important and responsible position of Grand Lecturer and has made the enviable record of meeting with some representatives of every lodge in the state during the year and of holding more schools of instruction than have ever been held in any one year.

In Capitular Masonry he received the degrees of Mark Master, March 15, 1883, Past Master, March 22, 1883, Most Excellent Master, March 29, 1883, and Royal Arch, April 12, 1883 in Blanchard Chapter, No. 59, of Bay City. He was elected High Priest in 1888 serving one year. He dimitted January 7, 1897. When a charter was granted to Bay City Chapter, No. 136, on January 20, 1897, Frank O. Gilbert was named as the first High Priest. He has been a regular attendant at the Grand Chapter convocations, and served for several years on the Finance Committee.

On April 1, 1884, he passed the Circle of Perfection in Ancient Masonry by receiving the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Bay City Council, No. 53, and two years later was elected Thrice Illustrious Master. In 1903 he started in the lines in the Grand Council of Michigan and on this the Semi-centennial year of that Grand Body he presides over the Royal Craft, closing a very successful year.

Companion Gilbert received the Orders of Knighthood in Bay City Commandery, No. 26, K. T., where he was dubbed January 4, 1884. He was elected and served as Eminent Commander in 1894.

In the Scottish Rite he has also achieved distinction being created a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret on March 25, 1884, in Michigan Sovereign Consistory of Detroit, and on September 18, 1884 he was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33d and last degree, and honorary member of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

He has crossed the hot sands of the desert and made the journey to Mecca under the scorching rays of a tropical sun and after a difficult and dangerous journey with the caravan arrived at the oasis in the valley of Detroit and in Moslem Temple. The weary travelers were resuscitated with zem zem water and tea biscuit.